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EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

God, these are exciting times we live in. Twenty years ago our ancestors were members of a few small scattered nomadic clans (FPE chapters) wandering from cave to cave (motel rooms). A few of these trans-cavepersons ventured out to engage in pagan rituals in the local drag bars. Today we are churning out professional quality publications, have a world-wide communications and support network of over 300 organizations and 10,000+ people with another 30-40,000 lurking in the shadows, and countless others out there just waiting. We have tigers who have escaped their bonds and are feeding on those who would oppress us, devouring those laws that would keep us in our caves. We have young tigers tearing at their cages, screaming to be turned loose to join the feast. We have sages beating the bushes in search of the ignorant in order to enlighten them, and nurturing spirits to comfort the fearful.

The world is starting to wake up to the fact that we not only exist, we exist in vast numbers. It is learning that it is better to live in harmony with us than to perpetuate the age old cycle of hatred and fear that kept us in our caves. And, finally, although a bit reluctantly, the world starting to make room for us. Let us not forget that the room being made for us is not of the world's choice. It is ours.

The tigers, the sages, and the nurturing spirits will all be at the 'Coming Together' Convention in Houston next April. Get out of your caves and come and join us.

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Creating Inner Peace

Although we all have different body types, we have similar aspects within our psyches. I like to refer to two of these metaphorically as the inner male and the inner female. Our female energy, represented by the intuition, characterizes the receptive part of ourselves. That is where we get our ideas and hunches. The inner male is an outward expression of the female. He takes her ideas and acts on them in the physical world. In order for us to create balance and peace within, we must acknowledge and honor both these sides, having them work together for us, instead of against us. The more peace we create for ourselves from within, the more at peace we become with others and with the world around us. This is how true global peace begins. This article looks at how we can accomplish that in learning how to be open, listening more to our inner female.

The human mind acts like a computer. The answers it gives us come from the data we put into it. Because this information is based on personal experiences, values, and perceptions, the answers tend to be limited and flawed. The intuitive mind, on the other hand, has access to a greater body of knowledge. This universal information is limitless. It can pick the exact piece of information needed at a given moment. If the intuitive mind can give us so much more knowledge, why don't we listen to it all the time? We are not used to doing that. We would have to do things differently and that makes many of us uncomfortable. We sometimes fear trying new things because they are **unfamiliar**.

Our inner female acts as the source of higher wisdom within each one of us. If we listen to her, she will guide us perfectly in everything we do. I like to think of her as being my private inner consultant, my intuition, or Higher Consciousness. When the female within receives a thought, she then sends it to the male. When he responds physically, a creative process occurs. Consider the case of a businessman who has a hunch about a client. He follows through with it, making that phone call, ending up with a closed deal. Or, the man who had a hunch not to crossdress one evening, and later found out that his college-aged children had stopped by the local TV bar that he normally visits. In each of these cases, the male and female within were in creative union. Thought plus action equals creativity. This process always begins with our intuitive thought.

We need to have both the inner female and the inner male developed and functioning harmoniously together in order to be able to live creative and balanced lives. To fully integrate these two, we need to put the inner female in the guiding position. Acting as our intuition, she represents the door to our higher intelligence. This is all an **inner** process. I am not talking about men submitting to women. I'm refering to the dialogue that occurs **within** you.

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Ignoring them does **not** make them go away!

Inner harmony and balance result from accepting and honoring all our various personalities, regardless of what they look like. A guided visualization is an excellent way to help turn off the chatter in the head and get in touch with the other voices vying for attention. It consists of breathing in deeply and slowly, letting the body relax. While in this state, a person or a tape "guides" you on an inner journey to help hear what your body, your inner male or female, your inner child, . . . wants to communicate. Inner voice dialogue has been used for years in healing illnesses. This type of individual growth work brings about dramatic results quickly and easily without spending hours trying to analyze a given situation.

In our culture we are taught to value our intellect and to suppress our feminine intuition. We control rather than support and express her. This traditional use of the male energy is referred to as "the old male." It's that part of us wanting to keep control. He's afraid of the feminine power because he doesn't want to surrender to anyone, let alone to something he can't see! He's afraid that if he surrenders, he will lose his individual identity. In a way, he's right. He would be losing that part of himself that believes in separateness and one-upmanship. He would also be losing the very same voice that tells him he doesn't measure up; he's not good enough; he doesn't deserve to be happy, or loved, or prosperous. What's the big deal about letting go of a belief that doesn't support our being happy? Don't we deserve to be happy?

In Anne Wilson Schaeff's book, When Society Becomes an Addict, she refers to the system we live in as the White Male System. The power and influence in it are held by white males, with the rest of us supporting it in one way or another. This system operates under four myths:

1. The White Male System (WMS) is the only thing that exists. It therefore dismisses other systems as irrelevant or inconsequential.

2. The WMS is innately superior. Anyone not functioning according to this system is, by definition, inferior. This leaves no room for men who choose to express themselves differently by the choice of the clothing they wear. It does not value human beings or their connectivity with each other. It feeds into the notion of separateness, thus creating judgment and win-lose situations, rather than those showing win-win qualities.

3. The WMS is totally logical, rational, and objective. It ignores the existence of and devalues other thinking processes such as intuition, multivariate non-linear thinking, and other right brain functions. Because the human mind can only take in so much information, its ability to solve human problems has limitations.

4. The WMS understands everything and therefore must be God. It assumes it sees the "big" picture. In reality, it suffers from tunnel vision, seeing only what it wants to see (or to believe).

It could be argued that this very same system perpetuates our human misery. Maintaining membership in this structure of beliefs keeps us from being fully human! It tells us to ignore a very important resource within each of us. It does not allow for individual expression of creativity except within specified limits. It forces its members to live in self-imposed prisons. They walk around and wonder why they aren't happy, thinking, "Is this all there is?" Or , they numb themselves through life with alcohol, drugs, sex, cigarettes, shopping, exercise, work, . . . It's time to take the blinders off and see life as it is, not how some "system" wants us to see it!

Our inner male and our inner female represent important aspects of ourselves that need to be honored so they can work together for our best interests. Remember a time when you had a hunch about something and didn't follow through on it, and later you realized you would have been better off if you had followed your initial hunch? That's an example of not following your inner female.

The feminine power, the power of spirit, is always within us. It is up to the ego, our male energy, to determine how it's going to relate to that power. As the power of the female emerges within us, and we acknowledge and surrender to her, the old male within us is transformed. He emerges as a new male, one who goes all out in his trust in and love for his female. He must grow to become her equal power so that they can become the lovers they are meant to be. The inner male must be willing to express whatever the inner female feels, rather than trying to block and control her. Men who listen to their inner females, allowing them to empower them, find their masculinity enhanced rather than diminished. The more open and vulnerable we allow ourselves to be, the more inner strength we create. Hiding behind intellect and outward power only gives the **illusion** of having real power.

Sometimes, when people start listening to their intuition, life becomes crazy, relationships change or end, people lose their jobs, bodies become ill. It's all part of the healing process. As we move toward the truth of who we are, things not serving us or not supporting us come to be looked at in a new light. What we can do to make life easier is simple: be willing to become aware of the intuitive voice within. The more we listen to it, the stronger it becomes. Like a muscle, it grows stronger with use. Wouldn't it be great to know instantly what's in your **real** best interests, not somebody else's, whenever you have to make a decision? You will know exactly what to do when you go within for guidance.

What happens if we are not willing to listen to our feminine intuition? We disown a part of ourself. When we

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Time For Your Medicine

by Sheila Kirk, MD

EXAMINING THEORIES CONCERNING THE 'CAUSE' OF TRANSGENDERED BEHAVIOR

In article number one of this medical column (Tapestry #59), I gave you a proposal I espouse as a possible explanation for transgenderism in all its forms, in both the male and the female. So much has been offered in the medical literature in explanation that it is important to give insight into other theories and thought about the etiology of transgenderism. This column will deal somewhat with those contributions towards an explanation for why we are as we are.

I'm going to introduce a relatively new term in this discussion. Transgenderism is a term I like, but for now I will use the word "bigenderism," coined by Dr. Virginia Prince. It covers the entire spectrum from casual crossdresser, or transvestite, through to the true pre- and post-operative transsexual. This may in time be a more applicable term, for it embraces the entire crossdressing/transsexual phenomenon without confusion.

The questions and explanations for the etiology of bigenderism fall generally into two areas in the medical literature: prenatal and post-natal. Is bigenderism the result of alteration or incident within the uterus in the embryo's early development, or is it because of an environmental influence after birth that profoundly affects the individual's life? Is it in the first trimester, the first twelve weeks, and even, perhaps, in the first seven to ten days of intrauterine existence, or is it in the formative years of early life from two to about three-and-a-half or four years that the infant male or female is modified to this behavior? Another thought - could it be that at both times the individual can be so affected and with appropriate intrauterine change complemented by appropriate influence in postnatal life, that we have a bigendered subject? Some suggest this strongly, others feel it is not probable, and that only one or the other span of time is when modification takes place.

If we put together a table of theory as found in the medical literature, we have these considerations:

1) **Intrauterine factors:**

a) Gene alterations - mutation, crossover effect, etc.
b) Chromosomal abnormalities, HY antigen
c) Maternal hormonal influence

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2) **Intersexual phenomenon**

3) **Post-Natal factors**

a) Psychological factors
b) Other theoretic factors
i) Brain dysfunction
ii) Hormonal imbalance

1) Intrauterine factors

a) **Gene alterations:**

In column number one in Tapestry #59, I gave information about gene changes, e.g. mutations, deletions, crossover sequences, and the like, that might be the mechanisms for our bigendered function. I spoke of gene probes and mappings as the technique that one day will likely prove or disprove all of this. We know with certainty that a great mumber of diseases are explainable on the basis of gene mutation. These mutations occur on the autosome chromosomes as well as on the sex chromosomes, X and Y. I want to emphasize that a tremendous amount of work has been done to clarify the relationship of our talents, our capabilities, and our tendency to various illnesses, to our gene inheritance patterns and the tendency for our genes to "go astray." Research and study have revealed that a particular case called SRY, located on the short arm of the Y chromosome (possibly the testes-determining factor gene) that determines the male individual. If it is present in the first few days of zygote, or fertilized egg, development, and it is functioning as it should, the indifferent gonadal tissue that would become an ovary becomes instead testes tissue. From that testicular tissue comes the male hormone testosterone which influences other tissues and structures, especially central nervous tissue - the brain. The individual is male in anatomy and in brain orientation. If the SRY gene is not present, the individual is female in anatomy and in brain orientation. Suppose we postulate a change in the SRY gene, a minute malfunction, a defective protein, or an enzymatic alteration which allows the gene to influence the indifferent gonad to become testes and to produce testosterone and hence influence anatomic development, but its influence on the brain is not as is intended, thus a "female -type brain" results. Could this be an explanation of a bigendered biologic male? Could it even be partly an explanation for a homosexual male? Then what is our explanation for the bigendered female? How does she develop ovaries and female anatomy to match and yet have a brain with male orientation? We can employ the same idea of gene mutation, either one or several gene alterations that permit female anatomic development with male brain activity. Recent animal experimantation seems to support this, and information about how and when this takes place in very early intrauterine development is expected soon.

b) **Chromosomal Abnormalities:**

Chromosomal aberrations have to do with the sex chromosomes X and Y primarily, though we will mention later the HY antigen and its location on the other chromosomes (autosomes). Those abnormalities of the sex chromosomes that we have discovered account for many syndromes and conditions that have to do with sex organ maldevelopment. While the incidence of these problems is quite low in relation to normal births, yet the various kinds known and reported are many. Suffice it to say that they are rarely found in bigendered individuals. Chromosomal studies done on transsexuals show no abnormality. The karyotype, 46 XX or 46 XY, is normal, and the sex chromosomes are the same as are found in other males and females who are not bigendered. There is one exception, and this will be discussed eventually, and that has to do with the HY antigen. There don't seem to be any chromosomal aberrations in any bigendered person along the continuum, whether a casual crossdresser or a true transsexual. Chromosomal alterations, however, could be as follows:

1) Change in size, shape, or configuration of X or Y chromosomes.

This has not been reported in the medical literature as associated with the bigendered individual. There are syndromes wherein changes of these kinds do take place in the population. In these disorders, gene alterations or loss of gene material takes place, but no cases of bigenderism are associated.

2) Change in chromosomal numbers - reduction or addition (Mosaicism, polysomy, etc.)

These are conditions leading to syndromes involving intersexuality and are found in both genetic males and genetic females. Ambiguity in primary and secondary sexual organs is found on examination and necessitates careful evaluation so as to assign an acceptable anatomic, social, and eventually, legal sex to the individual. Kleinfelter's syndrome in the male is such an example (47XXY). Females with a variety of chromosomal number abnormalities are also documented. For example, 47XXX or 45X with the stigmata of Turner's syndrome. These individuals are not members of the bigendered community as we know that group.

b) **HY Antigen:**

It was thought for some time that a specififc histo-compatible antigen was to be found on the Y chromosome in all genetic males. It was found to be absent in genetic females. However, in studies with genetic males who were transsexuals, a high percentage were found not to have the HY antigen as in genetic females, and similar numbers of genetic females who were transsexual were to have the antigen as found in genetic males. When this was reported, there was a great deal of excitement, for not only could this be a labora-

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Legal Briefs

by Naomi Owen, JD

SMILE!

YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!

Picture taking is probably one of the most popular endeavers ever invented. Millions of dollars are spent each year on cameras, film, and photography equipment. Billions of photographs are taken each year, and one-hour print shops are everywhere. We crossdressers are certainly aware of that. (Some of us within the paraculture do our best to make sure that the picture taking business stays healthy and profitable.) To complicate matters, there are now compact video cameras and plenty of video tape, available everywhere, to make sure that our images are preserved for posterity.

Everyone knows that photography was invented by a crossdresser who got tired of "dragging" around "a piece of rock" upon which was drawn a picture of the outfit he wore at the recent Caveman's Ball. Mr. Eastman knew that when he invented roll film and the roll film camera. Mr. Land knew that when he invented the instant camera. Yes, there is a long-standing love-hate relationship between crossdressers and photography. Crossdressers love to take and keep photographs of themselves and other crossdressers. They hate it when others, especially non-crossdressers, sneakily take their photograph without permission.

From time to time I am asked about the rights of a crossdresser to prevent someone from taking their picture. Each time I hear that question, I translate it into two questions: (1) How can I prevent someone from taking my photograph? (2) How can I control what happens to that photograph after it has been taken? These are two very different questions.

Most people understand common courtesy and invasion of privacy. At paraculture events, such as the IFGE Coming Together Conventions, Be All Weekends, Holidays En Femme, Fantasia Fair, etc., we are constantly reminded that the proper thing to do is to ask first before taking a picture. And, if a person is concerned about his or her privacy, we accede to the subject's wishes and don't include that person in the picture. But, what about the following stuation?

Six crossdressers are dining in a fine Provincetown restaurant when a young man sitting at a nearby table jumps up and takes a candid photograph without asking permission. Can you respond by insisting that the photographer give you his film? Can you protest that he has invaded your privacy and threaten to sue?

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Generally, the right to prevent someone from taking your picture depends on where you are located. If you are in a public place, such as on a street, there is probably little you can do to prevent someone from taking your picture. After all, how else is the National Inquirer or the Star going to get all those celebrity pictures? By placing yourself before the public, you have, in effect, given up your right to privacy. And, if those photographs are newsworthy and show up in a newspaper or in a magazine, the publication is probably insulated by the First Amndment which protects freedom of the press. However, if those photographs are used for commercial purposes, such as in an advertisement for a service or a product, or sold as art, or published in a book by the photographer, it would probably be an invasion of your privacy providing you are easily identifiable in the photograph. In the latter case, the photographer should get a signed release before using the photograph for commercial purposes.

On the other hand, if you are in a private place, like getting married in Michael Jackson's garden, you have more control over who can take your picture and under what circumstances. The owner of the property can control access to the property and can even ban, for whatever reason, photographs if he or she wishes. A good example of that is in museums or in the theater where there is usually a sign and a written notice in the program that photography or recording devices are specifically prohibited. So, if a photographer sneaks onto someone's private property without permission to take photographs, he or she is trespassing, and that violates the rights of the property owner. The photographer can be evicted and legally prevented from taking photographs.

In the restaurant situation mentioned above (which actually happened to me), there is probably little you can do unless the restaurant owner has specifically banned photographs. The photographer was not trespassing because he or she was there to eat by invitation of the owner. Thus, the photographer can probably keep the photograph providing he or she doesn't use it commercially. In my situation, I sat down with the photographer and his embarrassed wife and explained that it was wrong for him to do what he had done, and that if he used the photograph in a way that harmed me, I would probably have a right to sue him. I suggested to him that if he wanted a better shot, I would be willing to pose for him, provided it was only for his own private use. I think he learned his lesson, and we became quite friendly.

The concept of libel arises if a photograph is used in such a way as to harm a person's reputation. This could happen if a photograph of an identifiable person is published and the accompanying caption erroneously describes the person in a derogatory manner. For example, a head shot published in a newspaper with the subject captioned as a crook or a bank robber could be libelous if it turns out that the person is not a crook or a bank robber and had nothing to do with the alleged crime. In such a case, the person's reputation has been harmed.

In a somewhat analogous situation, my photograph once appeared on the front page of the New York Post newspaper along with a caption that I was "gay," which isn't the case. In that situation the newspaper was wrong in publishing that photograph and in describing me as gay. I did not protest this with the newspaper because it was not aware of my real identity and apparently no one outside the paraculture recognized me. Had I challenged the newspaper, I would have had to reveal my identity, and that might have resulted in an even bigger problem for me. In addition, the newspaper would probably have made the argument that since no one had recognized me, my reputation hadn't been damaged. So, you see, I was in a no win situation. The real issue in this matter wasn't my photograph, it was the fact that a photograph copyrighted by the photographer had been used without the photographer's permission. The point of the story is that once you lose control of the photograph, there is little you can do to prevent a wrong disclosure.

Now, you must be thoroughly confused. To sum up, the law regarding the use of photographs is seldom clear and certain. And it can vary from place to place, case to case, and situation to situation. If you fear discovery, then perhaps it is best that you avoid being photographed.

My final point is that you shouldn't become paranoid over picture taking. In most cases the photographer is merely curious. Take it as a compliment that he or she wants your picture. Make sure you look good, especially in public, and smile. You can successfully hide your identity, but don't hide that beautiful smile!

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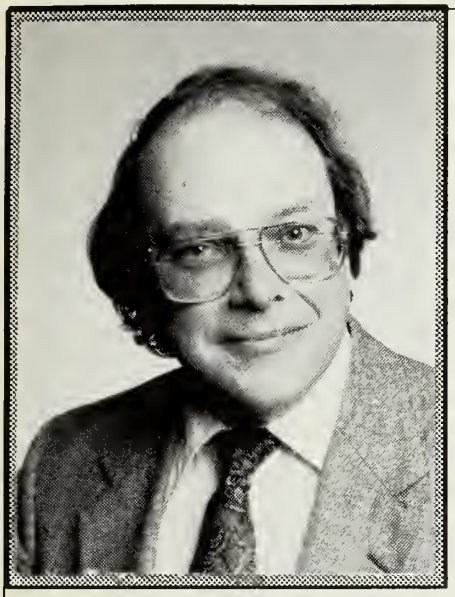

by Roger Peo, PhD

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The ending of one year and the beginning of another is often a time for reflection. What have I done in the past year and what would I like to do in the new year? Perhaps the scope can be even broader, encompassing long-term life changes. As an ancient sage once said, "The longest journey begins with a single step." In fact, the journey is made up of many single steps. Some steps are more difficult than others and some require moving ahead on faith alone.

For those of you who are struggling with transgender issues, perhaps the upcoming year will bring you some peace. Others of you have surpassed the struggle and have found that peace. Where do you go from here? Still others are in a relationship with someone who has transgender concerns and/or desires. What will the new year bring for you?

In a light-hearted way, this new year brings a clean slate upon which you can write "fun" things. As I wrote in an earlier column, transgender persons often take themselves too seriously. When I see you at the various conventions, I often see people having fun. You are enjoying yourselves. However, the tone of newsletters is often somber. Problems and complaints seem to find more room there than do the "fun" happenings and light humor.

On a different note, we need to look at the future of our community. I still see many of the same people carrying the load. They are the ones who write the newsletters, collect the dues and organize meetings and conventions. The service they perform for the community is immeasurable. Yet often they are ignored. Worse yet, they are berated for not doing enough or ruffling someone's feathers (ostrich plumes on a fan?). Yes, I know about the 80-20 rule (80% of the work in an organization is done by 20% of the members) but as we take in more members, I don't see new names picking up some of the load.

As a therapist I am trained to see problems and help people find acceptable solutions to them. This sometimes gives me a negative view of life. One of my goals is to take time to have some fun -- the problems will wait -- they always have. The trick for me, and I suspect for many of you, is not to be overpowered by the problems. I know intellectually that having fun increases my energy so that I can more easily tackle the things life sends my way. The problem is to feel that need and do something about it. This is considered a feminine trait and one we all would do better to adopt.

So, as we move into a new year, further into a new decade and toward the millennium , we need to examine our goals and decide what is really important. Somewhere near the top of the list we must include taking time to have fun, to relax and to enjoy being alive. Through that focus we will

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The title of this column could be "Being Your Own Worst Enemy." One of my readers wrote a letter describing insights he gained after a lifetime of struggling with his cross-dressing.

He described his formative years as a constant struggle to live up to his father's impossibly high standards. Failure brought condemnation. Achievements were barely acknowledged. In addition there were some implications that he could never succeed as a male. (He proved them quite wrong through many achievements in a very successful career.) During these impressionable years it seemed to him that being female would eliminate these problems and he "became" a cross-dresser.

This brought with it another set of problems. Even though his escape into femininity gave him some relief, the guilt he felt was a constant companion. He saw himself as flawed. No matter how much he achieved it was never enough to "atone" for this terrible sin of being a cross-dresser. Worse, there were times when he really wished to be a woman, so the guilt was intensified.

Much of his life was a struggle to deal with these feelings. He tried psychotherapy. He read extensively. He achieved brilliantly. Nothing worked. The guilt was still there and there seemed no way to make it disappear. As he grew older, he became more philosophical. He examined his life and found that in spite of (or perhaps because of) his cross-dressing he was fundamentally a good person who had made many worthwhile contributions. (In an aside, he referred to studies that found that cross-dressers are often above average in intelligence and achievements. He speculated that some of this might be attributed to their attempts to counteract the guilt cross-dressing often brings.)

What happened was that he began to love himself. This is the most difficult thing that anyone can do. As we grow up most of us are constantly criticized. We get little praise and what praise we get is often inadequate to counterbalance what seems to be our low value in the eyes of other people. The result is often a person who has low self-esteem. When this person also has a socially unacceptable behavior, the burden is compounded. Then, regardless of what people tell us, we do not believe them. The thought goes, "If they really knew about me they would hate me!" What is true is that if you do not see yourself as being good (loving yourself) nothing anyone else says makes much difference. How we define ourselves is crucial and can overshadow whatever the world tells us about ourselves.

No one is perfect. We all have our "warts." These do not make us bad, only human. Somehow we have to be able to accept ourselves in spite of seemingly not living up to the world's definition for us. This is very hard (because of our early experiences) but it is possible. If you believe just one person who says you are good, you are on your way. So, we really can be our own worst enemy, especially if we filter life's experiences through the thought that we are not lovable. When this happens, we do not experience the love that is there.

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I recently was asked to appear on a television talk show. The topic was cross-dressers and their wives/partners. Since I want to support women who are in a relationship with a cross-dresser, I thought this would be a good opportunity to tell the public about the issues that face many of these women. I could not have been more wrong. If it had not been for my wife (who was in the audience) the viewers would have been left with a very unreal picture of such relationships.

The focus of the show was a real wedding where both the bride and groom wore (identical) wedding dresses. This is a fantasy for many cross-dressers. There have been other variations on this marriage scene. For example, the bride wore the tuxedo and the groom wore the wedding gown. In addition to the couple who were to be married, there were two other couples. One couple had been married for many years and the other couple had been dating for about six months. All three of the women on the show were (or said they were) wholeheartedly in favor of their partner's cross-dressing. Most of the audience questions were either about the reasons why a man would cross-dress or asking why these women would want to be in a relationship with a man who wears women's clothes.

There were virtually no negative questions. None of the women voiced any problems or difficulties they had over the cross-dressing. In sum, a very positive image was presented. When my wife saw the direction of the program she addressed a question to me. "Are these typical relationships?" she wanted to know. This gave me a brief opportunity to explain that the majority of such relationships had problems. Unfortunately, this was lost in the excitement of the wedding.

Later I reflected on this show, and on others like it. I wondered if they helped or hurt the image of the transgender community. Many cross-dressers (and their partners) who go on such shows are in unusual situations. Often they are "out of the closet" with little to lose if their friends, coworkers and neighbors discover the man's desire to wear women's clothing.

I suggest that perhaps the only positive thing about such shows is the contact number that usually appears at the end of the show. Otherwise, the image that is presented is one that misleads more than it helps. Can you imagine the feelings of some woman who is struggling with the issues raised by her partner's cross-dressing when she sees this show? She will most certainly wonder why she is not as accepting as those

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How To Ensure That You Are Getting Quality Treatment From Your Electrologist

by Linda DeFruscio, RE, REI

People ask many questions about beard removal. In this month's column, I'd like to answer some of the most common ones, including a little background information: How do I pick an electrologist? How long will it take? How much will it cost? How much will it hurt? How can I tell if I am getting competent treatment?

There are three ways to find an electrologist: ask friends, ask other professionals, and look in the Yellow Pages. The best source is asking others who have already had their beards removed. Results are the strongest recommendation. Other professionals you consult with could have preferred practitioners to recommend. The most abundant but least selective reference is the telephone book.

When you have selected a few candidates, call for a complimentary consultation. During this consultation, ask questions to determine this person's experience in removing beard growth permanently. Does the practitioner use permanent methods? There are several temporary hair removal systems. They are of no use to you. Will your probe be reserved for your use, or, better yet, does this person use disposable probes? Are the practitioner's credentials, licenses, and awards on display? If not, why not? How does the office look? Will you have privacy, will your discretion be compromised when you enter or leave the office? Has she removed beards before? The cost can range from $20 to $100 per hour, depending on location and overhead. Since this is a longterm commitment, however, many electrologists are willing to work out some sort of payment plan.

There are three methods of permanent hair removal: thermolysis, blend, and galvanic. Of the three, thermolysis is the fastest. Approximately 200-600 hairs can be removed per hour, depending on beard thickness. Blend is somewhat slower, about 150-340 hairs per hour. Galvanic is the slowest. It takes from 15-180 seconds to remove each hair using galvanic. Galvanic is slower and more irritating to the skin, but has much less regrowth. I have had excellent results with thermolysis and blend.

In order for no regrowth to occur, the hair root, or papilla, must be destroyed. There are three stages of hair growth: anagen, catagen, and telogen. In order for the papilla to be destroyed, the hair must be in the anagen, or growing stage. Telogen is the latent or resting stage. At the end of this stage a new hair pushes up to form an anagen hair by means of exfoliation. The anagen hair will continue to grow for about two weeks. After this the follicle goes into the in-between or catagen stage. This is why regular treatments are so important, the hairs must be treated when they are in the anagen, or actively growing stage.

The total time required for permanent

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beard removal obviously depends on a number of factors: method used, beard density, and the skill of the practitioner, among others. Based on my fourteen years of experience and a number of completed cases, I would make the following estimates of the total time required: light beard, up to 80 hours; medium beard, 80-120 hours; heavy beard, 120-200 hours; extremely heavy beard, 200 hours or slightly more. If there is a lot of regrowth, that may be caused by inaccurate probe insertion by the electrologist, inadequate current intensity or duration, or low tolerance on the part of the patient. The greater the intensity of current that the patient can tolerate, the faster the electrologist can work.

If the intensity is too great, however, the skin might be damaged. If the intensity and duration of the current are enough to destroy the root of the hair (papilla), you will feel it. There should be no sensation when the probe is inserted into the follicle and when the hair is drawn out. Occasionally you may feel a slight tug as the hair comes out of the follicle if the hair has an enlarged tuft.

Before treatment, the hairs must be long enough so that the electrologist can grasp them with the forceps to pull out after the roots have been destroyed. This requires a length of a few millimeters, or about the same length as with dark five o'clock shadow. Depending on the rate of growth for your beard, that means you should not shave for 24-48 hours before treatment. You may shave immediately after treatment. Be sure to thoroughly cleanse your skin with a liquid soap and a fresh cloth after you shave to keep any debris from getting into the treated follicles. Continue after-treatment care medication recommended by your electrologist for the next three days.

For best results, I think a patient should have one to three hours of treatment each week for the first year. On a medium beard, 50-60 hours is about the half way point. The hairs should be thinned out, and those that remain should be finer. The closer you adhere to a systematic and thorough program, the sonner you will see permanent results.

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do this, we find ourselves judging others who display it. We may find ourselves repeating patterns or behaviors that don't bring us inner peace or joy. The players are different, but the patterns are the same. Or, worse, we live our lives according to someone else's rules.

A man having a wounded feminine side will usually find himself in a relationship with an unsupportive, castrating woman. If he decides to leave this bitchy woman, he will search for her again and again until he begins working on his **own** inner femininity.

Likewise, a man's crippled masculinity ties him to his mother emotionally. He may live his life trying to please his partner so she'll love him and not leave. The price of this behavior, putting others first all the time, is the destruction of his own feelings, and ultimately, his own life. A woman's crippled masculinity may chain her to her father/husband until the wound is healed.

Marion Woodman, in her book, The Ravaged Bridegroom, states, **"When you have an inner marriage that works, a healthy loving relationship is possible on the outside.** If a relationship with someone on the outside becomes the goal, the inner lover will take second place to this outer relationship and betrayal takes place."

Conscious femininity and conscious masculinity will never be acceptable to the patriarchal thought of the White Male System. Men and women have been victims of this system or paradigm where the differences of the sexes have been exaggerated to the point of making one inferior or superior to the other. This results in a shared tragedy. As long as we're not in contact with our own potential, we are vulnerable to being controlled by others. If we do not fully know ourselves, we cannot stand to our own truth and are in constant danger of having our boundaries invaded by others.

There is a time coming when a woman's voice won't have to be disguised in a male garment. Nor will men ever disguise themselves in women's garments. There is such a thing as a human garment. That garment is the inner marriage. As Carl Jung so aptly put it, "Where love reigns, there is no will to power; and where the will to power is paramount, love is lacking." Learn to listen to your inner female. She will take you to unbelievable heights of self-acceptance, self-empowerment, and inner peace. Believe it!

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women on that stage. She may see herself as somehow flawed because her feelings are so different. The cross-dresser who

views the show may use it as a way of trying to gain acceptance by saying, "If that woman can accept this, why can't you?"

So the show gets the fanfare but the people I am concerned about may be hurt in the process. This is not to argue that we shouldn't continue appearing on such shows. This wedding was unusual. While it was very meaningful for the couple involved it did little to educate the public about the critical relationship issues that cross-dressing often creates.

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tory confirmation of what individuals were saying about themselves to their physicians, but it could possibly add to the knowledge for why they were as they were. There is a great deal of literature about this to be found in the medical libraries. The testing for the antigen is complex and modifications and refinements of the testing were developed. Unfortunately, early investigators cannot now fully reproduce their work, and a great deal of controversy now exists as to the reliability of the theory. The application of it has been all but abandoned. Suffice it to say that while the door is not fully

closed on the HY antigen theory, not much light now comes through a very small opening.

c) **Maternal Hormone Influences**:

Experiments in lower animals have shown that hormonal influences play a crucial part not only in the development of physical sexual characteristics, but also of sexual behavior after birth. It seems logical to believe that small amounts of hormones originating in the mother and crossing the placental barrier could affect the developing fetus producing contrary physical results. This in fact is true. Testosterone and other virilizing intermediary hormones in the mother which she produces, for example, in masculinizing tumors in her own body, or androgenic medications that she ingests, can somewhat masculinize a female fetus. The result, however, is not a bigenderal child, but rather a female pseudohermaphrodite. Male infants are affected in similar ways. This condition belongs to a rather large number of disorders we will discuss under the heading of intersexuality. The question to be asked is this: Is it possible that amounts of hormone can be so minute as to affect the fetal brain tissue, but not cause abnormal change in the physical sexual development of a male or of a female fetus? No one really knows, but the likely answer to this is probably no! Large doses relative to the fetal tissue sensitivity seem to be necessary for such an influence. The subject of hormonal influence and contrary hormonal levels in genetic males and females is important, however, and will be discussed further on. The important point to be made here is that maternal hormones do not alter the intrauterine fetal development to produce a bigendered individual without sex organ ambiguity.

2) Intersexuality Phenomenon

American researchers write of intersexual conditions as those of chromosomal abnormality, while European writers in the recent past included the crossdresser and the transsexual who had normal anatomic development in with this group who were maldeveloped. But, there is a distinction to be made, and that grouping together is not appropriate. While there is a measure of bigenderism in the intersexual individual, there is no element of intersexuality in the bigendered population as we know it. Crossdressers and transsexuals have no anatomic ambiguity in the highest percentage. It is true that hypospadias and hypogonadism are found somewhat more than would be expected in the male transsexual population, but this does not constitute intersexuality. As stated before, their chromosomal complement corresponds completely with their anatomy and their anatomy correlates with their genetic sex. The bigendered individual is one whose mind, whose spirit if you will, whose gender identity is not fully in focus with anatomic development. Let's look briefly, however, at those conditions wherein there is anatomic ambiguity either with or without bigenderism.

Some intersexual states in the genetic male and genetic female are associated with genetic abnormality (with abnormal genes or abnormal chromosomal complement). Some of these are bio-synthetic, which means that they are due to genetic defect, and some of them are teratogenic, which means a non-genetic cause. The latter can be due to intrauterine infection or to intrauterine maternal hormone influence, and they often have no genetic alteration associated. There are considerable numbers of these disorders even though their occurence is rare. To list all and discuss them is beyond the scope of this report, but to give an overview:

a) Pseudohermaphroditism can result in both males and females because of a genetic cause. Eight or nine different enzymatic defects in the fetal hormonal metabolism are known and are due to gene mutation. Abnormal amounts of hormones coming from the mother because of masculinizing tumors, adrenal disease, or hormonal ingestants are non-genetic causes for this disorder.

b) True hermaphroditism can be associated with normal female chromosomal complement, 46XX, or with mosaicism, a mixture of X and Y chromosomes. These individuals have both ovaries and testes, and have a variety of secondary sexual organs. Most will be raised as males because the anatomy is mostly male, and the surgical correction toward male genitilia is easier.

c) Sex-reversal phenomenon are rarely reported. These are males with 46XX, the female genetic complement, and females with 46XY, the male genetic complement.

d) Testicular feminization, either complete or incomplete, is a rare and puzzling disorder. This is an individual with completely normal female development. Generally, there are very ample breasts, and a very feminine torso. The individual will demonstrate a blind vagina, and there is usually no internal female anatomy. There is, however, within the pelvis, structures that are testicular in their cellular makeup, and these testicular cells produce estrogen. These individuals are 46XY in complement, which means that they are, from a genetic standpoint, biologic males. They may also develop fusion of the labia and the scrotum. We have mentioned Kleinfelter's syndrome and these are males with two or more X sex chromosomes and a single Y chromosome. The external genitalia are male. These patients are tall, with notable breast development, and characteristically, they have poor muscle development and various skeletal deformities. Mental retardation is oftentimes associated.

For this discussion, these few and a considerable number of other developmental anomalies can be associated with bigenderism. Early recognition, correct diagnosis, and proper medical and surgical therapy is important for the individual's proper rearing and future. Once again, however, bigenderism as we are describing it, is not associated with these maldevelopments.

3) Post-Natal Factors

After delivery of the male or female infant, just what is the impact of the environment in causing that individual to be a bigendered person? What are those influences, and over what period of time are they active? Who or what exerts

them? Is the infant's receptivity the same each and every time such an environmental experience is in evidence?

There is a great deal of psychiatric literature dealing with these questions. Many in the bigendered community can and do recall that in their early years there was an absent or inattentive father, or one with less than dominant influence. We are told often of a solo parent, a mother, or a vigorously dominant mother who exerted extraordinary influence on her son. That young man may have been raised in the company only of women, perhaps a mother or a grandmother, or a mother and a female sibling, or other combinations of females. We often obtain a history of the individual being dressed in female attire in early youth at the whim of mother or a sister, and there is sometimes the earnest desire of a parent to have a girl instead of a boy, and for years the child is crossdressed. There are reports of both father and mother rearing a child as a member of the opposite gender. While most bigendered cling to that reason for their current attitiude and behavior, there is a number of individuals reported who at a certain time in their life revolt and revert to behavior corresponding to their genetic sex, and remain so for the rest of life. In addition, we have no knowledge of how many individuals coming into a family existence where any of the above conditions exist, never exhibit bigender attitiudes in the years that follow. In other words, a great many men and women are born into strong-mother/weak or absent father situations or the reverse, and never exhibit altered gender identity. This tends to put into a measure of discredit some of the influences of these family situations in the formative years of a bigendered individual, and casts doubt on the theory.

Clinicians, researchers, and writers in the psychiatric literature discuss the possibilities of either Imprinting (identification with an individual of the opposite gender), or Conditioning (repeated influences to assume the role of the opposite gender) upon a young male or female in the formative years of life. Many writers believe a serious event, or a series of such events in the formative years of a young person could cause a bigendered attitude and behavior. An example of this would be maternal illness with prolonged absence or death causing the young male child to "become mother" in order to overcome the loss. Many writers of late believe that while these processes may be a part of the influence on that young person, that young person only becomes bigendered if his or her genetic composition has been altered while in the uterus and then experiences an appropriate post natal influence. In other words, a combination of both intrauterine cause, along with influential factors in very early life would be more likely the cause for bigenderism rather than one or the other singly. In a sense, this "straddles the fence" and allows for both views and theories to be combined for explanation of the bigendered person.

2) ***Other Possible Etiologies:***

a) Brain Dysfunction:

There seems to be no denying the fact that there is some relationship between the central nervous system function and bigenderism. In an attempt to correlate this, some authors believe abnormality or dysfunction in brain tissue is responsible for bigendered behavior. There are case reports giving the impression that epilepsy and bigenderism, particularly transvestism, have more than occasional or coincidental joint occurence. Quite notable are studies which show definitely abnormal EEGs in 48% of transsexuals, and an additional 24% of transsexuals in the same study group had borderline EEG tracings, tracings not clearly abnormal, but certainly not normal as found in controls. It is of interest that the incidence of EEG abnormality is higher in female to male transsexuals than it is in male to female transsexuals. Just what these EEG findings mean is not clear in any study. Some researchers comment strongly on the multiple personality disorders often found in the transsexual, hinting that this indicates brain dysfunction as well. I hasten to add that these observations do not prove cause. One can make very good argument that supports the view that these are associated on concommitant disturbances in the transsexual, but are not a cause for crossgender identity. To begin with, a considerable number of "normal people" acting as controls, also have abnormal EEGs. Next, there is no evidence from detailed past medical histories of countless transsexuals that injury or infection occurred in the formative years in order to account for bigenderal behavior in later life. There are no studies to date that show that brain tumors or vascular lesions or tissue damage occur in any significant number of bigendered individuals in any part of the continuum. No autopsy with examination of the central nervous system done on any one or number of bigendered, particularly transsexuals, has ever discovered any lesion thought to be connected with this behavior!

Tumor, infection, and the broad term "dysfunction" in several centers in the brain, i.e., the temporal lobes, the limbic system, and the special nuclei in the hypothalamus have been found in a few cases of transsexuality. In several isolated cases of transvestism, anti-convulsive medication and/or temporal lobe lobectomy "cured" the bigenderal behavior. I stress - these are isolated cases and they do not explain the cause! They do not represent in any way the greatest majority of bigendered individuals. They merely point to areas in the central nervous system that could be involved with bigenderal behavior, and could in fact, be the loci for mutant gene activity in the very first week of intrauterine existence.

b) **Hormonal Influences**

Some time ago it was postulated that very possibly bigendered individuals had hormonal profiles different from non-bigendered individuals. It was believed that male transsexuals and transvestites had lower testosterone levels and higher estrogen levels, and paralleled the levels found in genetic females. Carefully-conducted studies have not supported this theory, and while transgendered males sometimes present to their physicians with evidence of hypogonadism (smaller external genitalia) and a certain percentage have so low a sex drive as to be considered asexual,

there are no alterations in blood hormonal levels to account for these findings. When studying male homosexuals and lesbians, the very same results were obtained - hormonal levels are as they should be for their genetic sex. Some interesting studies have been reported which deal with the idea that male transsexuals and homosexual men have a luteinizing hormone surge or increase from the pituitary when given an estrogen injection, and the response is similar to that reaction in heterosexual, genetic women. The response in transsexual women is the same when given an estrogen challenge as is found in heterosexual, genetic men, luteinizing hormone levels are lowered. This could be an interesting biochemical tag for making a more accurate diagnosis of transsexualism, and could give some help in determining information about biochemical hormonal responses in the brain of transsexual people (perhaps transvestite individuals as well), but the work has not been confirmed by other researchers, and in fact has been denied as a laboratory phenomenon by some investigators.

In conclusion, what can we draw from this information? There really is so much we don't know about our phenomenon. There certainly is, however, a great deal we do know. Be assured, there are considerable numbers of researchers and very capable clinicians in health care looking for answers to multiple questions in bigendered care. One focus is on the first ten to twelve days of intrauterine life, and the first 36 months of post-natal life, for clues as to the etiology, or cause.

Another focus is on improved management of the bigendered individual who presents for care and direction. That bigenderism is a phenomenon of great complexity and depth, that it extends through a continuum of mild-to-very-intricate activity and diverse personality patterns, that it is here to stay, and that psychotherapy and techniques such as shock and various medications are of no value - all this and more is accepted by a corps of medical health care professionals dedicated to research, knowledgeable and empathetic treatment. There is a great need to put their information, their research, and experience into the mind of the ordinary health care worker who is giving care in the office or in a hospital setting. To bring information to the front line through the health care professional while instilling in that person compassion and responsiveness is so very necessary. Whether we will ever find complete answers to cause is conjectural. Does it really matter? Isn't acceptance and responsible therapy far more important?

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Dear Editor:

In my article, I've tried to give some of the conclusions I've reached over the past twenty-plus years. These are drawn from the research I've done, experiences I've known, and above all from people I've encountered. A continual growth process has been the hallmark of these many years. It continues seemingly without abatement. To be meeting needs is to grow, I've observed. To grow is really one of our most fundamental needs, incidentally. To grow, stagnation cannot long be endured. Admittedly, there are plateau levels in the "learning curve," but they pass. Always something stimulates the redevelopment of the growth, or decline and death follows.

Over the span of years, my viewpoint has enlarged, becoming more encompassing. In part, this has beem stimulated by a lessening of the harsh rhetoric aimed at Tri-Ess by those who seem to think it a pariah because it chooses not to try to be all things to all people. In choosing to concentrate its resources in serving, to the best of its ability, a clearly defined segment of the overall Gender Community, Tri-Ess is simply recognizing a need and doing what it can to best meet the need, nothing more, nothing less. The more I experience reasonable and intelligent people, such as Merissa Sherrill Lynn, in positions of leadership within the Community, the more I sense a widening of perspective and a lessening of a narrowness of focus all across the Community.

The one issue with which I deal negatively and forcefully, is the issue of "recruiting" activity on the part of those who identify themselves as Transsexuals. This activity I find to be particularly offensive and hurtful to all concerned. It is singularly based on shortsightedness. Sexual Reassignment Surgery is an option in the need-meeting activity of some of us, but not all. It is, in every case, a momentous option and not one to be "evangelized" as being a panacea for all gender-related ills. The decision to pursue SRS or not to opt for it must be, as Merissa's was, totally an individual study, analysis, and decision. It must be without pressure being brought to bear by those who would "recruit" in order to justify to themselves their own decisions in this matter. This is brought up because I see it as a very real problem. I've been subjected to this sort of "recruiting activity" for over thirty years. It is presented generally, as some sort of attempt to depict the professed TS as somehow "better," "more honest with self and others," or somehow "more of a real woman" because of the assumption of the TS identity as compared to the person who does not opt for SRS. Often there is a strongly masculine component of competitiveness in the presentation through which the self-proclaimed TS-person seeks to put down others for whom the trip to Trinidad is not a viable option. No consideration is given to absence of desire, lack of need, inappropriateness due to life circumstances, or any other vital element of the person's life. This sort of behavior is deplorable and demeaning both to the person being "recruited" and to the person doing it. It is one thing we hear spouses continually expressing as a grave concern. This invariably leads to needless stress and pain in the lives of married Crossdressers. It induces and keeps agitated deep and abiding fears in their spouses.

Each of us bears the responsibility to behave and speak our minds in a sensitive and caring manner. We must be mindful of all who do not fit society's stereotypical molds and live in a way we best can benefit all, not just one segment of the group. I mean to offend no one. I have tried to select my words clearly, simply, and without an emotional loading. The fine line between being diplomatic and mealy mouthed is often difficult to walk. I've tried to walk it with care. I've walked it for many years both as a Crossdresser, and as a Professional. Retired now, I am no longer faced with the Professional side of the issue, but will, until I'm gone, deal with it personally.

Respectfully,

Jaye Runningfawn, Ph.D.

MORE ON DSM & TRANSVESTISM

The following letter was written in response to the letter from Roger Peo that we published in the Tapestry Mail Bag in issue #59.

July 7, 1991

Dear Dr. Peo,

I was very pleased to hear from you concerning our research project regarding transgendered behavior. We, of Boulton & Park, do understand your concerns and I will address our rationale in response to each. I have enclosed the paper Linda Phillips and I wrote, "Transgendered Behavior: A Treatise on Adoptive Female Gender Roles of Males". This position paper is the basic foundation or "jumping off" point for further research. There is nothing significantly earth-shattering about our basic premise, it is essentially the old "continuum" theory couched in slightly different terms and hopefully presented in a manner that will be understandable and rational to non-transgendered readers. We have found the relational building-block approach to explaining transgendered behavior which we used in the paper to be very successful in presentations to college undergraduate and graduate classes in psychology and human sexuality. We never took the time to really polish the treatise, opting to move on to the next stage of readying a survey. Our survey is going through a final scrub by our experts in statistical sampling, and we do have input on it from Dr. George Brown. We have circulated the questionnaire to selected support groups and clinicians for comment and input. Response to the questionnaire has been very positive as we have asked some probing questions that most transgendered individuals who have read them find very pertinent. We are working at building our survey distribution network and will have designated support groups acting as regional distributors and coordinators. Our target is 1000 usable responses and we believe that we will need at least 500 to be statistically valid. We would like to begin distribution by the end of July with correlation beginning in the November/December time period. Hopefully, we will be able to make a presentation at the 1992 Texas "T" Party with the preliminary survey results and findings. Thereis a number of questions relating to the DSM III-R assertion of "fetishistic transvestism" which we believe is not a valid description of the majority of "dual gendered" persons (our position being that clothing fetishists comprise a small "fringe" minority of our community). We also believe that "gender dysphoric transsexualism" is not a mental problem of the gender dysphoric person per se, but an area of social dysfunction as a result of negative societal stigma. In other words, clinicians should be focusing their efforts on assistance in resolving societal conflicts with a gender dysphoric person (not really a mental problem, but a socialization problem). The same clinical response should be applied to "dual gendered" persons with social conflicts. We anticipate continuing to work with Dr. Brown and we will most likely do some of the final work with his advice and input.

We do concur with your assessment of the woeful lack of knowledge on transgendered behavior among the behavioral science professionals. To this end, we see any additional research done in the area will be a positive step toward education of those professionals. Even though this project is going to be largely accomplished by transgendered individuals, who else is better qualified for the task? Review of some previous survey questions shows obvious misunderstanding and bias of the "professional" non-transgendered researchers because they were clueless about what questions to ask and how to ask them. Worse yet, they interpreted the responses using a preconceived bias as to what constituted transgendered behavior. Although some professionals may discount our findings and interpretations due to personal bias, at least we will have placed a small shadow of doubt in their minds concerning the veracity of past investigations. The problem we are dealing with is that transgendered behavior is so far removed from established concepts of gender in our current Western society, that few can relate to it or come close to understanding it. We believe the best approach to it is to devise the most simplistic approach to addressing the issue. If we can find some credible behavioral science professionals who are willing to work with us on the project, we will, by all means use their expertise (we have contacted several psychiatrists and psychologists).

Concerning your assessment of increasing societal intolerance of "sexual" behaviors, first we do not believe transgendered behavior is a "sexual" behavior. It is a disassociation in whole or in part from societal "assigned" gender roles. Gender role and identity has nothing whatsoever to do with sexuality or sexual orientation, they are entirely disparate issues. Second, on increasing societal intolerance of behavior exceeding the societal defined confines of "normal", we are finding the exact opposite in our experience. What we are finding is almost a 10 to 1 ratio of tolerance vice intolerance. Thanks to the ground broken by the women's liberation movement concerning gender role stereotypes, more people in society are accepting of variations from the previous norms of gender role behavior. The majority of women we (transgendered males) talk to find us at least intriguing, particularly as males who have broken the "shackles" of male gender role constraints. Even our traditional nemesis, the 20 year-old male is changing. For instance at the last undergraduate college class we spoke to, only one male out of twelve was initially hostile and his hostility wilted within five minutes--he isn't going to run out and put on a dress, but he isn't going to throw rocks at us either! Four of the twelve males (and almost all of the females) even stayed after the class was over to talk more with us. Yes, times are changing; once more people understand that we are real and intelligent people, not some slobbering mental deficient with hairy palms from too much masturbation, they readily accept us. We are also finding greater tolerance as we do venture out and interact with the general public. At least when people don't tolerate us, all most of them do is ignore us. Jesse Helms, Jerry Falwell, and the like aside, we are making positive progress.

The next observation concerning public disclosure by most of their transgendered nature is indeed correct, however, more and more of us are coming out of the closet than ever before. We are seeing heightened activism among transgendered people in the '90s. True, we had a few of these voices crying out in the late '70s and throughout the '80s, but we now have a better community network built to do something about it. Organizations like IFGE, Tri-Ess, and maybe GAL will be the focal point for enhanced public awareness and political activism. We can readily see evidence of this "coming out" by the exponential growth of our support groups (last time I counted we had well over 100 worldwide). And more importantly our support groups are starting to work together. Just with our little corner of the world in B & P, we've handled over 50 new inquiries in the last three months! Look too at the growth in "T" Party attendance in three years; we had almost 300 and there was a war on--many folks who had intended to attend the "T" ended up having to go and play in "Saddam's sand box." We have seen more political activism too with "gender orientation" added to several municipal civil rights ordinances. Without being overly optimistic, we have taken the first few steps, yet much more remains to be done. It won't be one person, or one research paper that does it, but the combined efforts of all of us working toward a common goal. Some will do more than others, but even the folks still in the closet may help in at least some small fashion. We are indeed doing something though to change the status quo.

We propose (in general terms) the following for the DSM (and this is similar to the current treatment of homosexuality in the DSM): 1) Remove the transgendered behavior in all forms as a clinically defined mental illness (which you agree it is not). 2) Place reference to transgendered behavior in a DSM appendix, allowing clinicians who are called upon to assist a transgendered person with resolution of societal conflicts a frame of reference for transgendered behavior. 3) Describe transgendered behavior as partial or total "assigned" gender role disassociation and partial or total gender identity with the gender role of the opposite sex. This disassociation and resultant identity often being in conflict with societal expectations for gender behaviors. Resolution of the conflict may result in hormonal and surgical sex reassignment using the Benjamin Standards of Care. Clearly state that transgender behavior is not a mental disorder but a natural, innate human trait, contravening the artifical gender role definitions of society.

We believe our fundamental approach is simple, basic, and above all, clear. It does not confuse the issue with all manner of inane labels. There is only one behavior to deal with--"transgendered behavior." This behavior has different degrees of disassociation with assigned gender role and different degrees of adoption of opposite sex gender roles. What confuses so many people on the transgendered issue is the issue of sexuality which in the final analysis is a non-issue for transgendered behavior. **This is what we're talking about when we state that current "professional" opinion of the nature of transgendered behavior is grossly biased because some certifiable idiots with inadequate research and understanding of our nature decided in the past that we were a bunch of mentally ill sexual deviates!** It's the purest form of Stormin' Norman's bovine scatology.

In regard to Boulton & Park's policy on public education and community/college speaking, our officially sanctioned speakers have the following general guidelines: 1) Never go alone, always have a cross-section of transgendered people to the degree possible. 2) Based on the nature of the audience, prepare a "targeted" presentation. 3) Organize the presentation and presenters in a logical sequence. 4) Use a relational approach (known to unknown comparatives) to the degree possible. 5) Present a neat and positive personal image of transgendered individuals. 6) Critique presentations; areas presented well and areas that need improvement. We do try to control who makes the presentations as much as we can and select interesting and dynamic speakers who have experience in front of an audience. If we have a video camera available, we will tape our presentation for later review. Since we adopted this approach, we have had nothing but positive response. Yes, we too have some of the same concerns you have when we see individuals appearing on television talk shows who portray our community in a negative light. It will, unfortunately, continue to happen because we, as a community, have little or no control at the moment over the talk show producers or the individuals they select.

We do look forward to including you in our review process for our research data. We hope our efforts will contribute one small piece to the jigsaw puzzle of acceptance of transgendered behavior that our community seems trying to assemble. It is heartening just to see the response we've had world-wide in our call for help on this project. People are listening to the voices and willing to contribute to the efforts being made. Thanks for taking an interest and please continue to provide your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Tere A. Frederickson, President
Boulton & Park,
San Antonio TX

AND MORE ON DSMIII-R

Dear Editor:

First, thank you for publishing my editorial regarding taking one's rights to express themselves regardless of personal or social constraints. I have received a few letters from people who actually got the point. The point being that: It matters little why we exist in whatever form we find ourselves; it matters greatly what we can do with ourselves. I suppose this could be simply translated as such: I got a new toy for Christnas, I don't know from whom, or why I received it -- I just want to play with it. And so I do. Now I realize that there are some people who cannot find the capacity to play with their gifts. Instead, they get bogged down in trying

to find out why they got it; who they got it from; what does it mean? What do other people think it means? And on and on in a circular swirl like a whirlpool; like treading water instead of swimming. I've been there, treading water and not getting anywhere. But, Life is for the Living. That is to say: for the doing; for the being; for the enjoyment of the gifts.

Secondly, as regards the DSM-III-R dialog that has been circulating through the gender-related publications: Get a Life! I mean, check this out: even if the DSM-IV-R was changed to reflect the views of the extremely small minority of vocal opposition, the impact on the larger culture's perception and understanding of "gender shift" would be insignificant. Why? Because virtually nobody reads the DSM. Not even its gender-related opponents. What would be far more significant would be to change and expand the definitions of the terms found in ordinary dictionaries and encyclopedias; and to take our gifts into the mainstream culture and play with them: to show by example.

Read my lips: no one, except those few who are arming themselves for war against the American Psychiatric Association, has tried to limit my right to exercise my right to express my gender. (Well, there are those who find my approach too frivolous for their "adulthood.") What I have experienced is a great deal of curiosity and personal growth on my part and on the part of others when I integrate my molecules into the larger culture. In fact, I find that I experience a greater sense of harmony and understanding in the larger culture than I do in the smaller "gender-related community" (where there are those who find my willingness to be either, or both masculine and feminine objectionable).

I suppose it should come as no surprise that in a country founded on genocide, there will be people who are motivated to destroy differences. That in a dysfunctional, sex-negative culture bent on the homogeneity of interchangeable parts, understanding and compassion do not have a place on the assembly line.

In my evolution, I have found gender to be like a series of doors that has led me to a far greater universe than I could ever have imagined (and still has no limits). My appreciation of the complicated, interconnected web of everything leaves me in wide-eyed wonder at times, at other times I am so happy at the fluidity of living I don't even think about it, I just am. And every now and then, I wonder why those who had felt repressed and then liberated themselves by opening that first door that felt like a closet, then close themselves off in another closet labelled: everyone has to be like me. Or, worse yet, begin to exclude people because they are different.

We are all uniquely, diversely different. Can't we celebrate that? Is it just too complicated to be part of a complex, ever changing tapestry, rather than a simple, rigidly held series of assumptions?

I believe the only simple thing is nothing (empty).

Everything else is complicated (full).

Thirdly, I find that I cannot wholeheartedly support organizations that take an assumption and then try to make the "facts" fit. It is like building a pyramid from the top down, rather than from the base up. I also ask: Who speaks for "us"? I answer: I speak for me; what do you have to say for you? I believe when we individually speak for ourselves, if we can listen to others, we will know what "we" are saying. It is not a matter of who speaks (barks?) the loudest -- it is a matter of how many voices join in.

In the larger culture of these somewhat United States, pop icons such as Madonna and Prince have done more to influence gender perception than all of the combined social-contact groups and publications in the so-called "gender community."

In California, a sex-positive publication called TV EPIC carries three times the number of personal ads than Tapestry carries for California, and yet, there are those who say persons with a TV/TS sexual orientation are a minority in the so-called "gender community," and so they are excluded.

Homosexual crossdressers (Drag Queens) have been a visible element of the larger culture for a very long time, but their voices are almost routinely omitted/excluded in the so-called "gender community."

I wonder when the majority of the so-called "gender community" will begin to realize it is a self-limiting minority?

Luv,

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PS: Persons interested in participating in the Dictionary Project are invited to contact the above address.

SOUND FAMILIAR?

Dear Editor,

I am writing to become a member of IFGE. My check for a Supporting Membership and a subscription to Tapestry is enclosed.

I first cross-dressed around age twelve and continued to do so during my teenage years. In college and graduate school I would buy and wear a few articles of clothing (usually night gowns), but was never fully dressed as a woman. I was filled with anxiety and guilt after each episode, but was able to keep my cross-dressing secret.

When my wife-to-be and I began making marriage plans, I stopped dressing for about seven years. The desire was still present, however. Around age thirty, I again started seeking opportunities to dress. This time there was a difference. Rather than a purely erotic experience, I was much more interested in looking completely like a woman. I was really perplexed by these feelings for which I had (and still have) no good explanation.

My wilfe is a wonderful person, but my one attempt to share my "problem" with her was disastrous. It left us scarcely speaking for weeks. Since then, my dressing has been either at home when she is away, or on business trips when I am away.

Even though my opportunities to be Rebecca are very limited, they are precious to me, and I look forward to them eagerly. I have finally been able to reconcile my Christian beliefs with my life as a TV. I take great comfort from Galatians 3:28: "There is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." The soul isn't bound by gender!

Let me bring my story to the present. I had no idea that Tapestry or the IFGE existed. I figured my most recent trip to LA would give me the usual opportunities for dressing: buy a dress, bring it to the hotel room, see how it looks with my makeup, wig, and accessories. Then I could choose between the Kodak with the self-timer, or, if I were feeling adventurous, I could drive the rental car around town. Maybe I'd get real adventurous and buy a tabloid and find an ad for Mistress So-and-so who would "...transform you into a beautiful woman." Yeah, right! By now, I can do as good a job as Mistress So-and-so, and I really don't want to think about what she wants to do after she transforms me.

This trip was drastically different. I did buy a tabloid, but the ad I saw was for Jim Bridges' Boutique. This was more like it! I discovered what you must already know, the man is a genius. Now, if Rebecca can just remember all those beauty tips.

The other wonderful thing I found on this trip was Tapestry. I was amazed! A high quality journal, intellectual, nonerotic, with serious articles relevant to my life. If only I had known this years ago! I was able to get the four most recent issues and read them from cover to cover. You are to be congratulated for Tapestry and for IFGE, and I want to be a part of what you are doing.

I am still a hermit, so to speak, and cannot take any risks in my hometown for both family and professional reasons. In my mind's eye I can see myself at Fantasia Fair in some future year. I would love to be able to use my training and resources to benefit our community. Until this becomes possible, I will give my financial support.

Thank you for healing my loneliness.

Rebecca Allison

ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME ...

DearEditor:

The matter of labels in our community has come up many times and seems to be divided between those who want some sort of definition and those who say, "We don't need labels, we are just people." I submit to the latter group that categorization is the way the human mind works and, as such, descriptive terms are necessary. It would be rather ridiculous not to distinguish between a banana and an orange just because they are both fruit. Likewise it is necessary to distinguish between races, nations, kinds of people, or occupations. But, the battle has largely been over what to call our group.

The term "transvestite" came into disfavor because it has a medical and thus an "abnormal" and pejorative flavor to it. Thus crossdresser, or CD (which simply substitutes English for Latin), has come into common use. However, this is a term that simply says what we DO, not what we ARE. I came up with the term "Femmiphile" for the individual, and "Femmiphillia" for the phenomenon (meaning, literally, a "lover of the feminine"). It never caught on because it sounds too technical, even though it was an accurate term. Now I think it is time and necessary to generate a new and acceptable term for us.

I say necessary because there is an aspect of this terminology problem that has not been given much consideration, but which is vitally important, and that is the public perception of whatever term is used. Whether we like it or not, the public needs to have a descriptive term which they can easily understand and use, which is also acceptable to members of our community. We are not like alcoholics, drug abusers, criminals, voyeurs, pederasts, schizophrenics, epileptics, or a million other types of people. Therefore, we need a handle by which others can comfortably refer to us, distinguish us from other types of people, and which is positive and not condemnatory.

We all seek greater public understanding and acceptance, but it doesn't seem to occur to us that we can't achieve either until we 1) have a convenient term by which others can refer to us, and 2) have it be a term with an easily understood meaning to lay people. That is, something that doesn't require education or sound too medical or too technical. If we are to talk to people (as on talk shows and lectures, not to speak of one-on-one conversations), we have to have a term for ourselves that they can relate to practically the first time they hear it.

Now, there have been a lot of cutesy names invented for us like femmemen, girl-guys, he-shes, femmemales, and she-males. This latter term has been preempted by a special class of people having both breasts and penises and who like to be photographed in all sorts of sexual poses. Unfortunately, many of the porno magazines published to show these people use the terms "TV" and "transvestite" in their title, thus confusing them with our kind, and further making these terms unusable by us. But, these cutesy names are no good for public use. They are, again, words for what is done, and contribute nothing to an understanding of what we ARE. Thus, there is a great need for a new, truly descriptive and convenient term that will properly describe us and which we can be proud to use.

Therefore, I would like to propose the term "BIGENDERIST" or "BIGENDERAL" for the noun, and "BIGENDERED" for the community at large. The term means that we can express two genders, the masculine and

the feminine. It is, therefore, true, it does describe what we do. It is short and convenient, and best of all, similar terms are already widely used and understood in society. "Bisexual" is a term known to almost everyone to mean someone who can and does perform sexually with members of both the same and the opposite sex. Since it is important to us to have the public understand us, and it is important to both us and to the general public to make a distinction between SEX and GENDER, the term "Bi-Genderal" is valuable because it aids in that distinction. The public already knows that "bisexual" refers to people who can have sexual relations in both sex roles, so gender must be different from sex and the term "bigenderal" facilitates that distinction.

In addition to "bisexual," everybody is well acquainted with the use of the prefix "bi-" in the following words:

Bilateral	Two or both sides of
Bicameral	Two houses (of the legislature)
Bipartite	Two parties (Repub lican, Democrat)
Bilingual	Two languages
Bicentennial	Celebration of two centuries
Biennial	Two years, as in bi ennial report
Bimetallic	Made of two metals
Bifurcate	A division into two parts, as pants
Bipedal	Walking on two feet
Bivalve	Having two shells, or valves
Bipolar	Having two poles, e.g. magnets
Bicycle	Vehicle with two wheels

I don't mean to give you a whole dictionary, but only to show you that the prefix "bi-" is well known and used in the English language and therefore well understood. So, to refer to us as bigenderal, i.e. having or expressing two genders, not only defines but also promotes the awareness of the separation of sex and gender. This is a matter of importance not just to our community, but to society in general, since that ignorance is the basis of our difficulty with society.

It should be pointed out that while "bi-" means two, "trans-" means across or beyond. Thus the terms "transgenderist" and "transsexual" remain valid and appropriate terms since the former indicates that the individual has crossed the gender border and taken up residence on the other side in the other gender, and the latter refers to people who have crossed the sexual border for permanent living as a member of the opposite sex. The fact that they have also crossed the gender border is secondary and incidental to their altering their sexual status. The commonly used term "transgendered" to describe the community is not correct to begin with because most of the members of the community have not "trans-"ed anyting except on a very temporary basis. The consistent and therefore proper word to describe the community as a whole should therefore be "bigendered" which it is.

I hope the word "Bigenderal" will be adopted and promoted in books, newsletters, lectures, etc., until we have ONE generally accepted word within our community and one which we can gradually teach to society in general and the professinal community in particular. Your help in achieving this goal will be appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

Viginia Prince,
Los Angeles CA

BACK THEN

Dear Editor:

Do you remember when you first found out about the Tiffany Club (or about Virginia Prince, or Tri-Ess, or FPE, or IFGE)?

We get phone calls starting with a hang-up followed by another try to get up the courage. We get phone calls where the person is speaking so softly that I can't understand him. We get letters which consist of an envelop with no return address and a scrap out of a notebook that says, "I am interested in finding out more about your organization." We get letters with no return address and a four-page letter detailing a story that is very much like the last hundred four-page letters I have read. The one thing they have in common is that they all want a "discreet reply." They all had to overcome terror to go that far.

We give them a discreet reply. I feel that our usual mailing is similar in appearance to other junk mail which overloads my letter carrier and my mailbox. If one of these paranoid sisters really is worried about what her incoming mail looks like, she could always send us a stamped, self-addressed envelop, but few of them realize that we don't get our postage for free, and don't think that I have to type their address on the envelop, which is not the best aspect of the work I do here at the IFGE office.

It takes a lot of stamps to respond to all the calls and letters we get. Any stamps which the US Post Office will accept are worth money to us. We can use them. Some denominations we use a lot of are $5, $2.90, $1 and $1.05, and of course 52 and 29 cents. If you are bashful, but would like to help us, send in a sheet of stamps. We don't have to know who sent them, we loved you before that.

Sincerely,

Holly Cross
Wayland MA

NOT GETTING RESPONSE TO YOUR PERSONAL AD?

Dear Editor:

Quite often we hear of girls who complain that their letters addressed to your forwarding service go unanswered. I am writing to possibly help some of the girls.

You forwarded a sweet letter from Betty who asked me to write her soon. There was no address or membership number on her letter, so I was unable to write her back. My listing mentions that I will answer all, and I'm sure Betty feels she has once again been let down.

Girls should remember to include an address since the only return was IFGE's Post Office Box. I will answer all letters, and help any girls with my many years of experience.

Love your publication. I have met many darling sisters through your service. This letter may help other sisters to understand how they can get a reply.

Sincerely,

Marcia Ann T. (MI-1871)

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BETTER LATE THAN . . .

Dear Editor:

I had a good time writing, "IMAGES OF YOU, the Basics of Photography." I cannot tell you what a surprise and thrill it was to see it in issue 58 of the Tapestry. That you thought it would be of interest and helpful to your readers was a real compliment.

Of course it would have been an absolute joy to see my ever so carefully photographed face next to it. Any chance of a photo credit in the next issue?

Sincerely,

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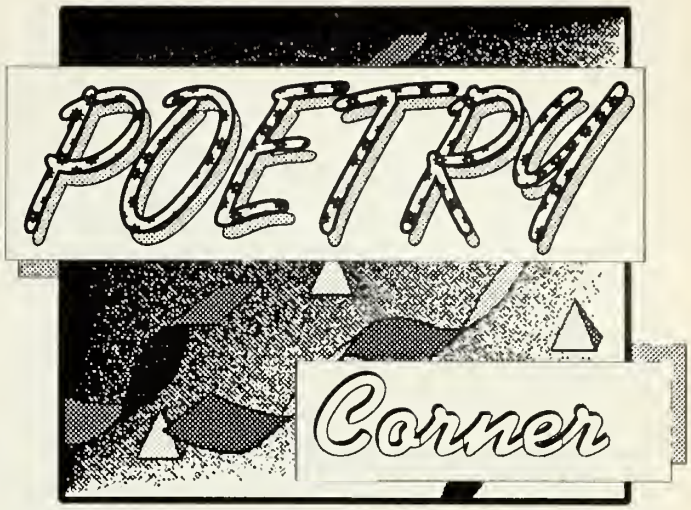

Not to be Told

Singing in church-
The new songs and old,
Those folks in the parish,
Were not to be told.

Singing and dancing
In necktie and shirt,
Would rather perform
In a short miniskirt.

Saturday tennis,
With Chris or with Brad.
Playing in gym shorts
Left me feeling sad.

For my country, I'd stand,
And swear left and right,
Yet retreat to the sand
In bikini at night.

During the day, standing tall,
In a rough pair of cammies
Yet prefer, after all,
A night in silk jammies.

The rest of the ladies
Say I have the legs,
But to show them in stockings
Is against Navy regs.

Uninvited dilemma,
At the front of my mind.
No trace, out of closet,
Less someone should find.

The oldest of five,
With three younger brothers,
Couldn't tell family,
But perhaps a few others . . .

A life that was often
Little more than a whisper
One foot in the coffin,
And yet none would miss her.

While friendly and kind,
Still lonely and cold,
For those with closed minds
Were not to be told.

- Jenny Bent

The Mirror

Whose face is that in my mirror?
Surely it is not mine.
For mine is much softer, and has no beard.
Where are the curls I know I have?
Where are my eyes, all shaped and defined?
Where are the cheeks, all pink, that are mine?
And the pouty red lips that should be there?
Whose face is that in my mirror?

Whose body is that in my mirror?
Surely it is not mine.
For mine is smaller, with soft, round breasts.
Where is my narrow waist, that curves into my hips?
Where are my arms, and delicate hands?
Where are my legs, all soft and smooth?
Whose body is that in my mirror?

This mirror I see, it is not me!
But must I live as what I see?
Who is this body reflected to me?
Who is this person I must act to be.
I know who I am and it is surely not he!

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EXCUSES

by Nancy Reynolds

You say you want to be rich someday
But the job you're workin' just doesn't pay
The money never seems to come your way
But it's not your fault, that's what you say
You've got excuses
Excuses

You say you want to be famous too
But there's so many out there better than you
The ones that make it so very few
That you're lucky to do as well as you do
With your excuses

I'm tired of hearing all the reasons
Why you're not getting what you want from life

And I see you wonderin' what holds you back
You think that talent is what you lack
And wish that you had the knack
But what you need is a fresh attack
Without excuses

And I hear you say you want to be feminine
But you can't escape the world you're in
You want to bring out the woman within
But it's easier to retreat within
Your excuses

How much could you know
How far could you go
How big could you be
With no room in your reality
For excuses

And I hear you say you want a whole lotta love
But the one you're with you'd rather shove
And the ones you meet you're so far above
But there's one thing you've got plenty of
That's excuses

How much could you know
How far could you go
How big could you be
With no room in your reality
For excuses

The Girl Behind The Glass

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I always felt when I looked into the mirror
There was someone looking back from there
Somewhere beyond where I could see
Awaited the one who was the real me

She's the girl beyond the glass
She's the girl beyond the glass

And as I'd look into her eyes
I'd see the soul past the disguise
But still I tried to live a lie
And keep her locked away inside

She's the girl beyond the glass
She's the girl beyond the glass

And there within the mirror she waited
Softly calling out to me
With a desire that never faded
She longed to be free

She's the girl beyond the glass
She's the girl beyond the glass

Now so many years have passed
And still she waits beyond the glass
But at last she's breaking through the fear and doubt
And the girl inside the mirror is coming out

She's the girl beyond the glass
She's the girl beyond the glass

GOODBYE, PETTICOAT BLUES

In another time:

My mama she done found me
Dressed in lace and frills
To see her boy all dolled up
It sure gave her the chills

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
Why can't I wear just what I want
And lose those petticoat blues

Once I whispered to my gal
May I please wear your slip
She looked at me all funny
And said, "Honey, that ain't hip"

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
Why can't I wear just what I want
And lose these petticoat blues

One brave morn I went to work
Looking like a pretty miss
My boss, he was not impressed
And soon I was dismissed

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
Why can't I wear just what I want
And lose these petticoat blues

One night I went out on the town
Dressed to thrill and play
When these dudes hassled me
Turning my joy into dismay

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
Why can't I wear just what I want
And lose these petticoat blues

These days:

My mother has no problem
Seeing me in a dress
She knows it makes me happier
And relieves me of life's stress

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
I'm wearing just what I want
Saying goodbye to the petticoat
blues

I've got me a new sweetheart
Who loves me as I am
She tells me I'm much sexier
As Samanthathan as Sam

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
I'm wearing just what I want
Saying goodbye to the petticoat
blues

I've found me a new job
Where I can dress as I please
My boss he thinks I'm lovely
Especially when I play the tease

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
I'm wearing just what I want
Saying goodbye to the petticoat
blues

I go out and about
As often as I can
No one gives me any flak
For I make such a pretty "woman"

When I'm feeling silky
Denim just won't do
I'm wearing just what I want
Saying goodbye to the petticoat blues

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Just let her be by Donna Gray

My lady came out tonight
Released from bonds too harsh and tight.
Her life is reality, not just pretend.
How does she harm others by just being?
The harmed know her not, not even by seeing.

So, dear ones, let her soul be set free
And give the lady a chance just to be.
She knows she must be gone and ne'er reappear
She knows certain death is drawing near.
No more enjoy the sugar and spice
No more revel in everything nice.
But return to darkness and slimy snails,
To adorn yourself in puppy dig tails.

Charon drives you back to Cerberus' run.
Let all your dear's suffering be undone.

But look, here is her photo when she was here.
But through her face I see his face there.
If he shows through, what must I do?

Said lady combing through her hair.
Only thank him for his gift of life to you
As he grows old he feels his duty
is to breathe life into the hidden beauty.
Adieu, loose her, loose the touches her presence graces
In exchange for sad looks and unhappy faces.
Farewell laughter and lips of deep red
You'll get back nights of snoring in bed.
Yield fragrances and satin hair bands
And in return hold black grimy hands.
No more in good fashion to arrive barely late,
Now fear reprisals for making him wait.
No thoughts with their messages enhanced by rhyme,
Golden Girls still is a gross waste of time.

Will she return? Say yes, I pray.
She is only a loving breath away.
As grass that with autumn turns brown and fades,
In spring waxes green with the growth of each blade.

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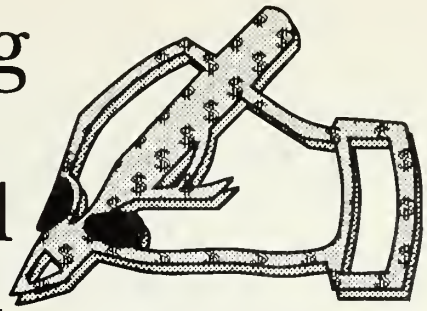

by Glenda Rene Jones

Recently, I was informed of the death of two of our sisters. I hope for me it will be some time from now, but all of us must eventually take that final step.

I reflected that my wife Linda and I had recently updated our wills. This time around we mentioned IFGE. I would like you to consider doing this, too. We included IFGE in our wills for several reasons.

First, of all the crossdressing and transsexual organizations in the world, IFGE is by far the best known and most influential. the TV/TS Tapestry is a fully professional publication with a wide circulation. Thousands of members of our culture and professionals alike read it. It has maintained over the years its high editorial standard and its high quality.

If the Tapestry were circulated at the same rate as it enjoys in New England, it could easily have a world-wide circulation in the hundreds of thousands. To accomplish this takes money. Money to hire more full-time people to sell the Tapestry and to get it into more markets. While some of this money can come from dues and contributions, one excellent potential source of revenue is from bequests.

I recall that at one time I thought I was the only male in the world with a feminine side, and with feminine desires. If I could have had access to a publication like the Tapestry early in my life, it would have made all the difference in the world. The only literature I was able to find at first was at the porn shop.

Besides publishing the Tapestry, IFGE is also in a unique position to fund research of benefit to our community, and studies aimed at a better understanding of who we are. Also, many critical court cases have been fought in the last few years that have made a dramatic difference in the legal status of crossdressers and transsexuals. There will be more in the future. Fighting these takes money. This is another area where IFGE can help.

A second reason for selecting IFGE as worthy of mention in our wills is that it has a stable, elected board of directors. Should anything happen to any of the principals of the organization, the board has the power and authority to hire replacements andensure the perpetuation of the organization. While many other groups are doing a fine job of supporting our community, IFGE is unique in its stability. It is a recognized United Way agency , and is fully established as a real-world corporation.

A third reason to leave money to IFGE is that it has a good history of supporting all aspects of our community. There are many groups which support transsexuals only , or crossdressers only, but IFGE spans the entire breadth of our culture. On the paid staff and on the board are transsexuals, transgenderists, crossdressers, and, very important, representatives of both male to female and female to male.

My lawyer is a person I have known for many years and has known about my crossdressing for nearly as long. I also, of course, have a wife who knows and is fully supportive. I realize that for some people, mentioning IFGE could pose a problem in that one's wife might not know and this would be an exposure of the fact. In other cases, a person may not want their regular lawyer to know. In the latter case, it is not necessary to have a lawyer draw up a will, although it is desirable. One suggestion is to retain a lawyer just for this purpose. There are certainly many ways around that problem. In any case, a will is a very confidential document. Most people wouldn't take any particular notice of IFGE's name anyway.

Give it some thought. In time, some small part of me will live on in our culture after my death. It gives me a good feeling inside to know that my death will not stop my ability to contribute to our culture and to help others.

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Positive Political Action - Get Involved

by JoAnn Roberts

Introduction

I am pleased that Merissa asked me to write this article for Tapestry. It gave me a chance to develop several lines of thought about political activity in the transgendered community.

The emphasis of this piece is: Do Something! I'll make some suggestions for activities on a personal level, at the local level, regional level, and national level and give examples of what is being done now. This article is about action -- now.

Let me digress here to explain what I mean by "cause" and "commitment." Before this community will make any political headway at the state, regional, or national levels, we need people who are personally committed to our cause. The issue is Gender Rights or, more correctly, freedom from gender-based discrimination. I outline four Gender Rights in the Bill of Gender Rights that was published in these pages and elsewhere. Briefly, they are:

The Right to Assume a Gender Role
The Right to Express a Gender Role
The Right to Control One's Body
The Right to Sexual Expression

Notice that these rights make no mention of transvestism or transsexualism. That is because, while many may argue with us that we have no "right" to crossdress and no "right" to sex reassignment surgery, no one can argue that we do not have a "right" to a gender. Since "gender" is a social construct, I perceive the "right" to assume a gender-role and then express that role as "Protected Speech" under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

It is important that we not get bogged down in Transvestite Rights vs. Transsexual Rights. This would be divisive, and the words "transvestite" and "transsexual" will press the hot buttons of some legislators. If we keep the issue at the level of gender, we have a much better chance of being successful because everyone has gender, so we are fighting for the rights of everyone.

One purpose for creating the Bill of Gender Rights was a need based on a philosophy of jurisprudence practiced by our Supreme Court for the last 50 years. That philosophy is called "Legal Positivism." It is a chool of constitutional interpretation that says individual rights exist only if they are written in laws. That philosophy is why this country has spent so much time and effort creating Civil Rights ledislation. We are not "guaranteed" the rights to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" a priori. Therefore, it is necessary to write down our rights as we see them, and we have to work towards getting these rights protected by laws.

Current laws barring discrimination based on sex or sexual orientation do not protect our right to assume a gender role different from that which society assigned to us. Once the doctor says, "It's a girl," or, "It's a boy," we are cast into a gender role that may not be to our liking. Attempts to change that preassigned role may bring dire consequences, emotionally, physically, and financially.

In addition to the Bill, there is also the Genderist Declaration of Independence. These two documents should provide the philosophical bases for our community's future political action. Get copies of them. Read them. Understand what they say and what they stand for. They are not empty rhetoric. They are the action plans for the next century.

Now, what do I mean by commitment? I see commitment in two very basic forms: time and money. Without the donation of time by individuals, and money, we cannot hope to build the political action organization that we need. On a personal level, it is your time more than your money that is needed.

Where are We?

The political environment today is a strange place.

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Politics
by
Merrissa Sherrill Lynn

The challenge:

The sun doesn't set without someone trying to get me to influence IFGE into taking a political stance. I'm not surrounded by people, I'm surrounded by lobbyists. Although I acknowledge and respect their zeal, IFGE is not going to get politically involved, support anybody's political position, set up any PACs, endorse any gender bill of rights, or declaration of gender independence, or anything else. I quote our constitution, Article II section 2.03: "This corporation shall not carry out propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office." In short, IFGE is not, nor does it have any intentions of becoming a politically active organization.

However .....

Everything I've ever done, my vision, and my value system are all based on my personal political philosophy. IFGE, the Tapestry, the Tiffany Club, and the 'Coming Together' convention were all founded on that philosophy. I tried to share this philosophy with JoAnn Roberts, to which she snootily responded, "Too diffuse!"

"What?" I insultedly replied. "I just gave you the answer to the salvation of the known universe, and you think it's too diffuse?"

"But of course!" I gave her the Grey Poupon of political philosophy, and she treated it like a squeeze tube of Stop & Shop mustard.

"OK kiddo," I said with a haughty toss of my eyebrow, "that means a duel. Editorials at dawn. You state your political philosophy and I'll state mine, and the readers' will be done!" She accepted the challenge.

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Introduction:

Actually, I lied. I have no real interest in talking politics, nor do I want to get into any strategic plan for dealing with any particular political or social issue. Individual political issues is too narrow a focus for me, so I'll leave the individual political battles up to the warriors like JoAnn. I have bigger pickles to pull from the barrel. For instance, one such pickle would be to have a clear set of rules or guidelines upon which to base all actions -- sort of a new, improved, and slightly modified version of the ten commandments. Another pickle would be to build the means through which effective action can occur. Any action without such a foundation would be about as effective as yelling "Fire!" in a crowded swimming pool.

When I challenged JoAnn I had two purposes in mind. The first purpose was to get JoAnn to write a political article for us. (I'm sure she would have gladly written an article for us if we had just asked, but that wouldn't have been nearly as much fun.) JoAnn's a warrior. She's got her armor strapped on, and she's out there in the political trenches fighting the battles. She has many important things to say, and I wanted to give her a forum (the Tapestry) where she could reach 30 or 40,000 people. (Her article appears elsewhere in this issue of the Tapestry.)

The second purpose was to give myself an opportunity to explore my idea of a good set of guidelines. JoAnn wants to motivate people to action. I want to make sure people know what their doing and why before they go into action. JoAnn wants to fight for our rights. I want to know what constitutes a right, and what rights are the proper ones to fight for. Comparing my article to JoAnn's should prove interesting.

When you read this article, please keep in mind that

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We are caught in the middle of a pitched battle between the forces of liberalism and extreme conservatism. On the one hand, society has made a lot of progress in the last 30 years towards insuring Civil and Human Rights for selected oppressed minorities, e.g. women and Blacks. On the other hand, we see these gains being eroded by recent decisions of the Supreme Court and by the increase in hate crimes against sexual minorities. Indeed, even those gains made by women are under open and covert attack as described by Susan Faludi in her book, Backlash.

Meanwhile, in the last five years, the "face" of the transgendered community has been transformed. We no longer hide our support groups as if they were cells of some larger conspiracy. We use the tools of technology to run computer bulletin boards and create professional newsletters to national conferences. It is not surprising , then, that some of us see political activism as the next logical step.

> If we do not accept political activism as the challenge of the nineties, then, as Benjamin Franklin said, "... we will all hang separately."

It is time to take a seat at the table of politics alongside women, Blacks, Hispanics, Gays, Lesbians, and Latinos. It is time to participate. If we do not accept political activism as the challenge of the nineties, then, as Benjamin Franklin said, " . . . we will all hang separately."

Get Personally Involved

You can start your involvement with the political gender movement simply by making your voice heard with your local, state, and federal representatives. All it takes is a phone call or a letter stating your concerns and asking your representative for his/her position on Civil and Human Rights. I guarantee you will receive a reply, probably from a staffer, but you will receive a reply. Now you have become a constituent with a voice.

Once you get that reply, write back either to commend the representative for their position, or to ask them to reconsider their position. A good basis for defining Civil and Human Rights has been given to our community by Sister Mary Elizabeth and the Interfaith Coalition of Human Rights (ICHR). Here is a sample letter from the ICHR:

Dear Representative:

I'm writing in regard to your position on Human and Civil Rights. I am keenly aware of and concerned about the discrimination and oppression of people with difference born out of prejudice, ignorance, and hate.

As a voter, I am watching politicians who are also aware of such discrimination. I urge you to work for passage of legislation that will ensure equal protection under the law for all people without regard to age; color; class or caste; creed; economic position; education; ethnic or cultural background; gender role or gender identity; handicap or disability; marital status; medical diagnosis, illness or condition; nationality or national origin; physical attributes or appearance; psychiatric/psychological diagnosis, illness, or condition; religion or religious preference; race; sex, sexual status, sexual orientation, or sexual preference; social status or social upbringing. We are all entitled to live under a government of laws free of prejudice and the weakness of society.

I would be pleased to hear from you on this matter of great importance to me.

Sincerely,

See how simple it is to take the first step? You risk nothing and have everything to gain. Follow this with a letter to your state's Attorney General. Your objective here is to find out about any current or pending legislation affecting our community, such as Hate Crimes legislation, or Equal Opportunity Employment or Housing bills. Once you know what legislation is under consideration, you can write back to your representatives endorsing or opposing the new laws.

Next, find a current cause you can support and get involved in it. You will gain valuable insight and experience that will be needed when we take on our own issues. My personal cause is the Pro-Choice movement for women. I feel strongly about the freedom to make a self-determination about what is right for me or for my partner. Give us all the information we need to make a decision, then give us the freedom to make that decision. I personally believe that if the Anti-Choice people have their way, sex reassignment surgery could be in great jeopardy in this country.

Group Support and Local Coalitions

The next level of activity is to mobilize your local support organization to become politically aware and involved. What you did on a personal level can be elevated to the group level. The major difference will be that your group

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this is my personal opinion, and not the "official" policy of IFGE. Woe be it that everyone should agree with me (even if I am right).

Enjoy!

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A Foundation For Action

Before acting, it is important to have a clearly understood set of guidelines, a criteria upon which to base your actions. I know, that's an obvious statement, but how many people do you know, how many governments for that matter, act without having any idea why their acting? How many fail, then wonder why?

There have been many sets of guidelines throughout history. The Ten Commandments and the Boy Scout Pledge come to mind. I also have a set of guidelines, which, I admit, were not exactly divinely inspired. They were, rather, inspired by a lifetime of screw-ups. They do, however, seem to work.

My first two guidelines are my prime guidelines. They are the ones upon which all others are based.

The prime guidelines:

1.) Does it have a utilitarian quality to it? Does it work?

2.) Does it have a universal quality to it? Could I wish everyone to practice this principle?

These are good criteria for deciding on any course of action. I still use them to good advantage, and recommend you do as well.

The remaining guidelines mentioned in this article evolved from the lessons learned during three periods of my life (my Christian period, the '60's, and my wilderness period), and from the lessons learned while coming to grips with the reality of my own being.

I'm a child of a Christian heritage. I believed, and still believe in the value of many of the teachings of Jesus, but it became obvious at a very early age that many people who called themselves Christians made lousy Christians. My parents and neighbors called themselves Christians, yet they would act on the basis of self-interest, greed, conceit, or what happened to be socially or politically expedient. "Love thy neighbor" was a directive usually followed by, "What's in it for me?" Or, "Only if my neighbor thinks, feels, acts, and looks just like me." Love was legal tender, a bargaining chip to get what you wanted, not something you actually practiced. No one seemed to accept the responsibility to love simply because loving was the right thing to do, and we, our environment, and God were (and are) the victims. Perhaps even more devastating than the hypocrisy of these so-called Christians was the depiction of God as a human white male. That depiction inflicted upon us all a religiously induced human, sexual, and racial superiority complex. The damage inflicted by that artificial superiority complex was (and is) obvious, to say nothing of how devastating it was to me personally. My heritage taught me many important lessons.

Guidelines 3-5:

3.) Do not base your actions on what is politically or socially expedient. Do not base your actions on self interest, greed, or ego. Do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, and for no other reason.

4.) Accept the responsibility to love thy neighbor, whether you feel like it or not. Acknowledge that "thy neighbor" consist of far more than other people. It also consists of Mother Earth and God.

5.) Acknowledge that no one is superior or inferior to anyone or to anything.

I'm a child of the 60's. I was out there with my political banners, yelling and screaming and throwing eggs with the best of them. I cheered for Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Ruben and Malcolm X, condemned the war, condemned the government, condemned my parents, and condemned myself. I watched our city streets turn into bloody battlefields, and racial and sexual bigotry seethe from every broadcast. I sang the songs of protest, and was an eager convert to flower power, free love, and anarchy. I sought the answers -- without ever knowing the questions, and saw enough hatred and heard enough empty rhetoric to last me a lifetime. I learned that what I was against didn't work. I learned that what I was for didn't work either. I also learned that rejection and anger and empty rhetoric and confrontational politics didn't work. They only built anger and fear, killed dialogue, blinded people to the good that surrounded us, and allowed us to see only the bad in others and never in ourselves. The 60's were like the sweet songs of the Pied Piper more likely to lead us on the path of self destruction rather than on the path of healing. The 60's taught me many important lessons.

Guidelines 6-9:

6.) Before you act make sure you under-

should identify itself as an organization concerned with gender rights for transgendered people. The larger your group, the more influence you can have with the legislators.

The group's activity could be on a local level or on a state level. Emerald City, for example, endorsed and helped pass a Seattle law that specifically includes transvestites and transsexuals for protection in equal housing and employment. Renaissance, through the work of several of its members, has endorsed the Pennsylvania Hate Crimes bill now working through the state legislature.

Another activity for a group is to get involved in an existing political coalition. Again, a lot of good experience can be had by helping others first. In Philadelphia, we have the Mayor's Commission on Sexual Minorities. Until Renaissance made its voice heard, the Commission had no representation for transgendered people. Now we are involved and the Commission has a Transgender Workgroup, chaired currently by Kelly Harris, one of the Renaissance board members. While we do not yet have specific protection for transgendered people in Philadelphia, we at least have a body that can advise the mayor on our issues.

There are similar commissions or at least gay/lesbian organizations in nearly every major city in the country. So, get involved. Find out what help they need and help them. That is what EON did in Syracuse, NY, and they have become a respected ally for several gay and lesbian organizations there.

Many of us, however, donot like being "lumped in" with lesbians and gays because our issue is one of gender-role, not sexual orientation. For future legislation, we should work toward protecting "gender-role presentation" instead of hiding under the protective blanket of sexual orientation. Here's why. Under the pending Pennsylvania Hate Crimes Bill, for example, if someone attacks me saying, "I hate faggots," the bill gives me a legal recourse for the attack. But, if someone attacks me saying, "I hate transvestites," I have no legal protection. The distinction is important for us. If we can get new legislation to protect gender-roles as well as sexual orientation, we benefit directly and rob no one of existing protection. Also, by focusing on gender instead of sex, we may be able to defuse hysterical attacks by anti-sex advocates.

Statewide Activity

Working at the local level is a good place to start, but it would take a long time to get every city in the country to enact gender rights legislation. Plus, those not living in the cities would not be protected. The next step is to work for state-wide legislation. As I mentioned, we have a Hate Crimes bill pending in Pennsylvania, but we need to start looking at the next level of protection for gender rights.

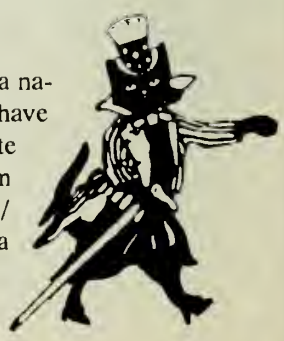
Kelly Harris, our board member on the Mayor's Commission, lives in New Jersey. She recognized an opportunity recently when New Jersey Governor James Florio signed a bill prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in state agencies. She wrote the governor on behalf of the South Jersey Renaissance Chapter commending him for the legislation. She then explained that transgendered people were not covered by the bill. She suggested that New Jersey form a commission like the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission. The governor has not yet responded, but her example can be followed in every state. Find out how to contact your state's Human Rights Commission or Civil Rights Commission and tell them about transgendered people. Send them a copy of the Bill of Gender Rights and tell them you want gender role protected by law.

Now, at this level of activity, it is implicit that someone has to go public. In the New Jersey example, Kelly is a transsexual and that fact is fairly well known in her area. She has nothing to lose if the governor takes her up on her suggestion. Likewise, Paula Sinclair, a transvestite who has served on the Renaissance board since its inception, is "out" at work and in her neighborhood. She could work for change without personal repercussions. In Syracuse, the president of EON campaigned en femme for a local gay candidate. I revealed my transvestism in a letter to my state's Attorney General in order to get an appointment with him to discuss gender rights. We need more people who are willing to "go public" in order for progress to be made.

It has been suggested that transsexuals would make the "ideal" lobbyists for our community because they suffer more from discrimination than do transvestites and therefore they would benefit most from legal protection. While that may be true, I feel that transvestites and transsexuals should shoulder the burden equally. Surely there are some self-employed crossdressers like myself who can risk some exposure for the greater good.

National Action

It is said, "If you want something done right, do it yourself." No one can really speak for transgendered people except another transgendered person (and even then, we sometimes have problems). No one else but one of us can know how we feel and what we experience daily. So, it is incumbent upon us to take action in our own behalf.



Many of us would like to see a national gender rights organization. There have been several abortive attempts to create such organizations. They suffered from two major problems: poor planning and/or poor financing. Both are required for a successful political action group. We can only do so much at the local and

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stand your objective, why it is your objective, and how you plan to achieve it. Also, make damned sure your objective and methods are right.

7.) Do not act from anger, or expect constructive results from empty rhetoric. Do not expect positive results from confrontational behavior.

8.) Rejection, withdrawal, indifference, and lack of action won't solve your (or anyone else's) problems. *(As the rabbit said to the ostrich, "Burying your head in the sand won't solve your problems. Try running away from them.")*

9.) Respect other people's differences as you would have them respect yours.

I'm a child of the wilderness. I was a lost soul, female in mind and spirit but male by birth, struggling to survive in an intolerant and ignorant society. As people and their attitudes were the poison of my existence, the wilderness was the antidote. I sang with the wind and flew with the hawks and ravens. I swam with the fish, let the rivers bathe me, and felt myself into the flowers and the mountains. The wilderness was in harmony with itself, and made me a part of it. At no time did it ever question my gender or challenge my right to exist. The wilderness taught me the oneness of all things, and that harmony and balance were the natural state of the universe. It taught me that God was the underlying power of all things, and was not to be worshipped, but to be loved and profoundly respected. It taught me that God was the creator, and mankind was the destroyer. God did not create evil, mankind did. God did not create Hell, mankind did. As mankind inflicted the wounds, God healed them. It taught me that God was good and there was no bad, except the bad created by mankind's own deeds. It taught me that God is within us all, and we all have the power to heal not only our own wounds, but the wounds of the natural world as well. The wilderness taught me to use the power of God within me to be a healer, and not a destroyer. The wilderness taught me many important lessons.

We're not going to shake up the universe, but that's no excuse for not trying.

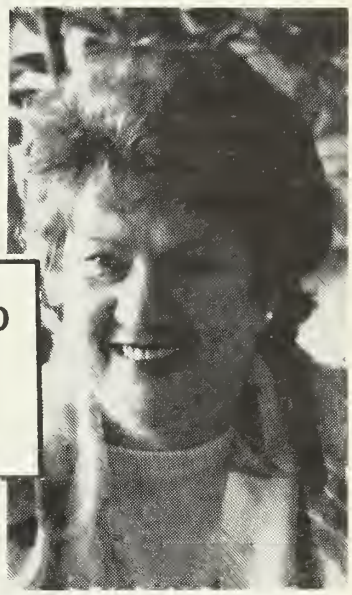
Guidelines 10-13:

10.) Accept that being a crossdresser, a transgendered person, or a transsexually inclined person is OK. If there is a problem, accept that crossdressing and transsexualism are not the problem.

11.) Acknowledge that harmony and balance is the natural state of the universe, and mankind, and mankind alone, is responsible for disharmony and imbalance. Accept the responsibility to live in balance with yourself, with other people, with the natural world, and with God (the Sacred Powers, the Creator, the Great Mysterious, the Higher Power, Goddess, Allah, Jehovah, or whatever you want to call it).

12.) The nature of God is to create and heal. Accept the responsibility to use the power of God within you to heal, and not to destroy. Accept the responsibility for your actions, and the consequences of your actions.

13.) God is not an abstract thinker or a moralizer. Mankind is an abstract thinker and a moralizer. Accept the responsibility for what you think, for defining your concepts (including God), and your value judgments. Accept the responsibility for defining the meaning of your words, your labels, and most importantly for the meaning of your life.



I am a child of my own reality. I was born male, a mistake which, thank God, has finally been corrected. At a very early age I became a victim of other people's labels and other people's value judgments. Fear, rejection, anger, and an overpowering sense of imbalance seared my soul. Death was welcome, yet I survived. Why? I cannot help but feel I survived to use the lessons of my life to help others. Therefore, I have accepted the responsibility to be a healer, and to do everything I can to maintain the balance among people, the natural world, and God. (That is a responsibility I could wish all people to accept.) In the process of searching for my own balance I learned that people like myself exist in vast numbers all over the world. We have existed forever, long before categories like "transvestite" and "transsexual" were invented, and long before cruel value judgments were inflicted upon us. I learned that the

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state levels with volunteer labor. To make a real impact, we need a political action committee that can scratch with the big cats in the sandbox.

Permit me to offer a plan for the construction of just such an organization, the National Organization To Abolish Gender Stereotypes (NOTAGS). The Statement of Purpose in its Constitution and By Laws would read:

> NOTAGS is a non-profit corporation with the purpose of lobbying for legislation and lobbying candidates for public office in order to abolish gender stereotypes in the public and private sectors. The basic foundation of NOTAGS is in the Bill ofGender Rights.

The organization would consist of a Board of Governors and an Office Staff. The Governors would be volunteers and the staff would be paid employees. The first Board of Governors would be chosen so that half would be from within the gender community, and half from outside the community. There should be a good mix of transvestite, transsexual, male, female, gay, lesbian, and straight so there would be representation for all gender issues.

It should be a non-profit corporation, but it should not seek tax-exempt status. That way it could receive contributions from individuals and still protect their identity. The American Civil Liberties Union works in much this way.

The first order of business for NOTAGS would be fund raising. Without money it would have no clout. There are many individuals in this community who can support the activities of a political organization. We must get to those individuals and convince them that NOTAGS is a worthwhile cause. That campaign should take about a year. At the end of the year it would be obvious to the Board of Governors whether there is sufficient support for NOTAGS to begin its real work: lobbying. If there were not enough support, the money collected could be equally distributed among a number of tax-exempt transgender support organizations. A reasonable minimum goal for the initial campaign would be $50,000.

Assume that the support were there. The Governors would then hire an Executive Director to act on behalf of the Board and to carry out the work of NOTAGS. The Executive Director would hire office staff and the Board would pick its first target so the staff could get to work.

The above plan is quick and dirty. I am sure there are many holes left unfilled, but it is a plan for action. It could take two or three years to implement, what with the fine tuning and the inevitable delays. It brings together many proponents to work for the common good and it recognizes the reality of politics: money. With the right people working together, a Constitution, By Laws, and Articles of Incorporation could be drafted and filed in a few months.

I could have presented you with a fait accompli. I could have written the documents, incorporated NOTAGS, and named myself Executive Director. I am disinclined to do so. First because I almost lost my family during the creation and sustenance of Renaissance during its first two years. I am not willing to risk that again. Second, because I would be accused of self-aggrandizement and power seeking by those who have failed to create a viable organization such as I described. Anyone with the energy, time, money, and courage is welcome to my support, counsel, and experience. I want no active role in NOTAGS, but I would love to see it become a reality.

Anyone who has constructive comments or suggestions is invited to write me at P O Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406-1263. I will be happy to discuss any proactive ideas with you.

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issues of gender identity and gender expression in some way or another affect the lives of every human being on Earth. I learned that the sensations of fear, anger, rejection, and imbalance were not uniquely mine, nor were they unique to the members of our community. They were in fact experienced by the entire human family. That knowledge, plus the knowledge that we all live together on Mother Earth and she is the only home we have, gave me a common experience with all my TV/TS brothers and sisters, and gave our community a common experience with the world at large. That means those of us who do crossdress, or are transgendered, or are in sexual transition, or are new men and new women have a common bond, and together we have a tremendous power at our disposal. We literally have the power to change the world -- if we can only learn to use that power effectively and wisely.

Guidelines 14-15:

14.) Acknowledge that we are all part of something greater than ourselves, and our community (the CD/TS community) is part of something greater than itself. Acknowledge that what others do affects us, and what we do affects the whole. Think globally, act locally. Think of the future, but act in the present, and accept as your primary objective to build a better world in which to live.

15.) Acknowledge that if we are going to build a better world in which to live, not only for ourselves but for everyone, the CD/TS community is an extremely powerful platform from which to work. Our community is, however, not the only platform from which to work.

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Now What?:

Each of the fifteen guidelines has lessons within lessons, and guidelines within guidelines. To adequately discuss these guidelines would require a rather large book. Since this is intended to be just a humble article focused on building a sound foundation for effective action within our community, I'd better shut up about the guidelines and get on to other things.

We now have a lot of rules upon which to base our actions, and upon which to judge the actions of others. Why follow the rules? Because they work.

We have identified a universally acceptable primary objective -- to build a better world in which to live. By "better world" I mean a happier, healthier, more harmonious life for all people, and for all life on Mother Earth. Why accept the primary objective? Because it allows us to think globally while acting locally -- to tend to our own business without losing sight of our place in and responsibilities to the world community.

To achieve our objective requires that we work cooperatively together to achieve mutually beneficial objectives. By "we" I mean the individuals and groups within our community, the gay community, women and men, races, nations, everyone. By "mutually beneficial objectives," I mean far more than the primary objective - to build a better world in which to live. I also mean the universal rights (which I'll speak more about in a minute). Why cooperative action? Because we can achieve more than we can without cooperative action.

For those of us who are members of the CD/TS community, an excellent way to accomplish these objectives is to use our issues as a focus, and our community as a platform from which to work. (This doesn't bar people from working with other communities, or bar people from other communities from working with us. In fact, quite the opposite. Cooperative effort with other people is absolutely necessary.)

Terrific. Now what?

We have a small problem. Our community is a disjointed, frightened, self-centered, indifferent, uncooperative mess. Sort of like the rest of the world. We have thousands, perhaps millions of people, most of whom live in their private little world, interested only in their private little agenda. Expecting this perplexing conglomeration to actually agree on something and then to actually work together is the subject of political speeches and other works of fantasy.

Can we ever get our act together? Oh sure ... sort of. Can we ever be effective? Yup ... to a point. The problem? We don't have many people willing to do anything, we don't have a mutually agreed upon objective, and we don't have a mutually agreed upon battle plan. To date we have been like a bunch of loose cannons firing blanks in the wind. Every now and then a few of us actually hit something (sometimes good, and sometimes not so good). Even if we did hit something, it was probably by accident, and usually without much effect. Personally, I think that even if we did have our act together, our efforts would still be like those of a mosquito on an elephant. We're not going to shake up the universe, but that's no excuse for not trying. At least our efforts would benefit the mosquito and get the attention of the elephant. A few good people working effectively together can give that elephant one hell of a bite in an area that is guaranteed to get attention.

Rights?:

A few paragraphs back I mentioned "universal rights." I speak of rights with trepidation, because I think the word "rights" is one of the most overworked, abused, and misunderstood words there is. The word "rights" has been used to justify the worst crimes ever committed against Mother Earth and mankind. Also, if someone has "rights," that doesn't make it right. If someone says, "I have a right!" I generally respond, "Why?"

"Rights" is a man made concept. Before humans there was no need for rights. Without humans there is no need for rights. We invented the concept, therefore it is our responsibility to define the concept. The dictionary defines a right as a justifiable claim on legal or moral grounds. Yes, rights go hand in hand with morality, and we humans define what constitutes justice, we write the laws, and we define morality.

There's no escaping it. Defining our rights and what constitutes morality is our responsibility. It is an awesome responsibility, and we must exercise that responsibility wisely. How? My recommendation is to go back to my first two guidelines: Will it work? Is it something I could wish for everyone? Then, I would use my other thirteen guidelines to help me decide whether or not it would work or if I could wish it for everyone.

A few months back JoAnn Roberts introduced four basic rights in her Bill of Gender Rights.

1.) The right to choose a gender role.

2.) The right to freely express a gender role.

3.) The right to make one's body congruent with gender role.

4.) The right to sexual expression congruent with gender role.

Do these rights comply with the first two guidelines? Sure! They also have the advantage of being narrow enough to focus on some issues relevant to our community, namely on gender identity and expression as it relates to gender role. However, there are many problems. For instance, gender "role" is not an issue with many (if not most) members of our community. (For instance, for many the issue is sex, and little more. For many others the issue is having the opportunity to get dressed up and have a good time, and to do so without fear. For many the role is that of a man in a dress, and nothing more.) Also, they have the disadvantage of being of little interest to the vast majority of people, those people who pass the laws. They also have the disadvantage of being a one way street -- what other people might do to or for us. It says nothing about our responsibilities to ourselves and to other people. Finally, if the purpose is to articulate our community's common goals, I don't think these rights achieve their objective. Will JoAnn's bill of rights be adopted, or motivate people to cooperative action? I don't think so, but we'll see.

So what are our community's common goals? They are basically the same as everyone else's: health, happiness, peace of mind, and a fair shake.

If our goals are the same as everyone else's, how are we different from everyone else? We are an identifiable group of people unified by the act of cross-dressing.[2] It stands to reason that if cross-dressing in some way or another affects our lives, we are going to have issues that are unique to us. If they are unique to us, then we are probably the best people to deal with those issues. In fact the whole point of this article is to give our people the tools to deal with those issues. However, as I stated earlier, there's a problem. The reasons for cross-dressing or for being involved in our community vary. *(I have a good grasp of the obvious.)* Also, there are very few people willing to do anything to help, and even fewer people willing to agree on what constitutes help. I praise JoAnn for her effort, but like I said, I just don't think her Bill of Rights will be effective in unifying our community or getting our people to focus on a particular line of action.

I do agree with JoAnn that we need a Bill of Rights. In fact, I have been using just such a Bill for many years. Here is my 'Bill of Rights':

1.) The right to the pursuit of happiness.

2.) The right to peace of mind. That includes the right to the freedom from fear.

3.) The right to be spiritually and physically in balance with ourselves.

4.) The right to live in harmony with our neighbors.

5.) The right to live in balance with Mother Earth.

6.) The right to live in balance with our God (whatever that might be).

7.) The right to an equal opportunity to be the best we can be.

I love these rights. First, they are fairly self-explanatory, easy to understand, and don't need much of a sales job to get people to agree. Next, they comply with my two prime guidelines: they work, and I could wish them for all people. Next, there aren't many people who would disagree with these rights, and those who would disagree are probably part of the problem. Next, they not only highlight other people's responsibility toward us, they highlight our responsibilities toward other people. Next, every one of our unique issues is encompassed by these rights. Next, these rights give our activists and watchdogs a clear arena within which to focus their attentions.

The best reason of all for supporting these rights is their universal quality. Time and again you have heard me say, "We are part of something greater than ourselves." We are not the center of the Universe, nor are our special interest groups, nor is our community. Mother Earth is our home, and mankind is our family. Our home and our family are in desperate trouble. We are not only responsible to ourselves, we are responsible to other members of our community, and to our home and family. Don't <u>ever</u> forget it!

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<u>Conclusion:</u>

There is one underlying theme that runs through this entire article. That theme is we are a community made up of very different people with very different interests and priorities. That means those of us who want to do something have very different ideas of what to do and how to do it. If we are going to be effective, we are going to have to create the conditions that will allow all these dissimilar people to maintain their uniquenesses yet work together for the common good.

This article has focused primarily on giving us the tools for developing a mutually agreed upon mind-set... to get on the same "wavelength" if you will. These tools are:

1.) A primary objective to provide us with a direction -- to build a better world in which to live.

2.) A set of guidelines upon which to base our actions.

3.) A platform from which to work, namely, "our" community.

4.) A "Bill of Rights" to identify improper actions and attitudes, and to highlight injustices.

With this article, it was my intention to provide you with the foundation upon which to base your actions. IFGE and Tapestry Publications exist to provide the tools for you to work cooperatively with other individuals and organizations. Now, it is up to you to provide the action.

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[1]. *See 'A Bill of Gender Rights,' by JoAnn Roberts, Tapestry #58, pages 14 & 15.*

[2]. *Clarification: "Cross-dressing" describes an act, not a person. For instance, a person in transition cross-dresses for the purpose of making his/her appearance congruent with his/her identity, but does not call him/herself a cross-dresser. I also acknowledge that there are a few transsexually inclined people and new men and women who do not cross-dress.*

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A NEW ENDANGERED SPECIES: The North American Crossdresser

by Nancy Cole

That's right friends and non-sports fans, it's true. We Crossdressers are, like the dinosaurs and the spotted owl, a dying breed. How, you may ask, can you say such a thing, particularly now when the gender community appears to be growing by leaps and bounds. Let me present, for your consideration, my evidence.

- How many times, in the past few months, have you met someone for the first time and in the first two sentences, they make it a point to inform you that they are a transsexual? (Hi! My name is Chatty Cathy. I'm a TS.)

- How many times, in the past few months, have you heard, "TSs have serious concerns and problems," or the flip side, "TVs are only interested in dressing up"?

- How many conventions have you been to that have a strong, well regimented, and well organized TS program while the TV program consists of shopping tours, sight seeing tours, or a random collection of seminars that are, at best, superficial?

- How many times in the last few months has someone in your support group asked you, "When are you starting electrolysis (or hormones, or living full time)?"

- How many support groups have you come across or heard of where the TVs and the TSs not only meet separately, but exclude each other from their meetings?

- How many people do you know who call themselves transgenderists, but in fact are nothing more than people who crossdress on a regular, sometimes daily basis, (except for work, darling, except for work)?

- And how many articles, I mean good, serious articles, have you read lately that concern TVs, and their problems and concerns?

If your answers to the above questions are anything like mine, then you should be concerned about our dying breed. How has this sorry state of affairs come about? I have some theories and would like to share them with you.

First and foremost is the idea that is very popular in our community, one that is over used. That idea is the transvestite-transsexual continuum. It is articulated in many ways, but the meaning and effect is the same. It works on the basic premise that, at one end of the spectrum, you have the fetishistic TV, a person interested in crossdressing for sexual arousal. Now since the word fetish has a negative connotation (it's one of those pervert words) none of us would even imagine going about saying, "Hi, I'm Chatty Cathy. I'm a fetishistic TV." It might be true, but I've yet to hear that one. Since none of us wants to be a fetishistic TV, then we quickly move along the continuum to the next way station, the advanced crossdresser. This is a very slippery term, since what is "advanced" to one person may be very basic stuff to another. For our purpose, we'll just call an advanced TV a person who is working on creating or can assume a persona of the opposite gender. This person is not only able to dress the role, he or she can act it. Here, however, is another speed bump. You're still, biologically, a member of the opposite sex and the role you assume is part time. Therefore, in the eyes of some, you are not serious. If you were serious, popular logic goes, you would have the courage to go "ALL THE WAY."

Now for those of us who don't really want to go "ALL THE WAY," and don't want to be JUST a TV or CD all of their lives, there is an out. It's called the transgender station. Here, you can do just about anything you want, short of surgery. You escape the stigma of being JUST a TV without having all the hassles that TSs have to go through, like coming out on the job, surgery, telling mom and pop, etc. Being a transgenderist puts you up a notch on the old gender ladder and, oh, by the way, frees you from the stigma of that uncomfortable label, JUST a TV.

Finally, if you want to prove that you have the RIGHT STUFF, you can go "ALL THE WAY." That, my friends, is a sure fire way to prove that, A) you're serious, B) you're better because now you have all the parts, and C) you have what it takes to be a real woman, not just a pretend one.

By accepting thought patterns as those described above, we bring certain prejudices and male-oriented ideas of superiority and one-upmanship into the gender community. We, of all people, should be the most accepting, most understanding people in the world. Yet, far too many of us are not. There are too many people running amuck in our community who not only feel they are superior because of their gender choice, but put down those who are not like them.

The real damage comes when new people enter the community and see the low esteem that TVs are held in and resolve to follow the lead of those who are generating that attitude.

Another observation is a rather simple one. It is based on the fact that, compared to even ten years ago, it is extremely easy to get sexual reassignment surgery. More people are performing the surgery, the techniques are better, and the process for electing surgery and qualifying for surgery has been standardized. But, the best deal of all is that our community has established a number of basic training camps for any person who has ever considered going the TS route. Yes, that's right, it's all there, lessons and real life war stories on what professionals expect to hear, what to do, how to act, etc., when preparing for surgery. All you have to do is attend just about any regional event these days and you will find a major part of the program is a TS track that provides future candidates everything they ever wanted to know about becoming a TS.

Imagine, however, the following scenario. You are attending your first event. You look at the program for the weekend. Under the TV program (if there is one listed as a stand alone TV or CD program. Sometimes all the program lists is general, which is the same as saying miscellaneous) you have the obligatory city tour and shopping expedition, followed by mass make-over and deportment classes, topped off with the transcendental aspects of crossdressing in third-world cultures. If you, like many of the girls at the event, have made it that far, chances are that wig puffing and shopping tours are not what you are after. Instead, you are after something that is not available from your local support group, which is why there are regional events. Now, across the page, in a well regimented and highly structured package, is the TS track. Part of that track may include issues and subjects such as electrolysis, hormones, and legal issues, that you are curious about. In addition, some of the speakers are the heavy hitters you always read about in community publications. So, rather than tromp around and do something that you can do any old time, like shopping, you decide to drop in and listen to the TS sessions.

For the person who is well adjusted and has come to terms with who and what he or she is, the above scenario is harmless. However, for the person who is just beginning his or her search, who has not yet created his or her identity and figured out where he or she stands, a well structured program, well delivered and offering a defined and obtainable goal, can be seductive. "After all," one may ask, "if I am enjoying dressing this much at this weekend affair or during the monthly support group meetings, wouldn't doing it all the time be better, more fun, neat? And, besides, the TS route offers a solution to my problems. No more concerns about being caught. No more worries about hurting family and loved ones. One simple, clean break, an operation, and all problems are resolved." It is this seduction, this goal-oriented approach, more than anything, that results in what Dr. Richard Docter refers to as secondary transsexualism. If you don't think people who have no business trotting down the TS trail aren't being seduced by the "glamour" of being a TS, then you need to listen to the people in your support group a little more closely.

The final observation is related to the one above. In a way it is connected. For those of us who were born and raised male, there is a mind set and pattern of thinking, resolving problems, and overcoming difficulties that is so ingrained that it is nearly impossible to identify. I am talking about the John Wayne syndrome. In John Wayne we have a strong, independent person who solves his problems through direct and immediate action. The Duke doesn't wait. He sees something is not right and he goes right in there, alone most of the time, and does something. Our society, even after the age of Aquarius, not only honors such men, but uses them as role models. When the Duke left, Clint Eastwood sauntered on in. I belabor this point simply because there are many of us out there in Genderland who, despite our best efforts to create and live in the role of our gender of choice, have been unable to shed the John Wayne syndrome. You see it in the way meetings are conducted at local support groups. You see it at regional events. You read it in the literature that is now coming out urging that we band togethere and march, arms linked together, and demand that we be accepted by all of society. You feel it when people classify themselves as something

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better (I'm a TS, you're JUST a TV). It's out there. It's alive.

If you accept that premise, then the result is easy to imagine. If you are a TV, you're a TV for the rest of your life. There is no end to it, no final resolution, no progress once you've learned to "pass" in public. The family, legal, and security issues that faced you as a young TV will still be facing you, in one form or another, when you're a not-so-young TV. The TS track, however, offers an alternative, one that has a well defined goal and one that allows the resolution of many of the transgender problems. If one follows the TS track, one can achieve legality, resolution of family problems, and terminate, one way or the other, the fear about job security. Such direct action, with a viable end state, and one that is achievable, is very attractive to the male mind. Again, I ask you to stop and think about how many people you have met recently who suffer from, for lack of a better term, tunnel vision and target fixation.

Okay, you may ask, so what? What can we do? What can I do?

Glad you asked. First off, we as a community, individually and collectively, have to put an end to what amounts to TV bashing. We must stop creating the image and impression that there is a hierarchy or status ladder within the community. Anyone who dismisses a person simply because he or she is JUST a TV should not be tolerated. After all, whether we like it or not, just about everybody in this community started out as JUST a TV. It was only through help and understanding that some have made it to their desired point along the continuum. Just as we have hoped and struggled for acceptance from others, so, to, must we accept others, regardless of who or what they are. (By the way, don't throw your intolerant person away. He or she is, after all, one of us, a brother or a sister we need to hold dear. Instead, love him or her to pieces while helping him or her to learn to open his or her heart and accept others for what they are, as they are.)

A more concrete approach would be to understand that there are many shades and hues of crossdressers. A person who has placed himself or herself on the TS track has a fairly well defined pattern and plan. TVs, at this time, do not. Consider ,if you will, the fact that in the same category, TV/CD, you have people who are happy simply wearing one or two articles of clothing appropriate to the opposite sex while, at the other extreme, you have people who are living almost full time as members of the opposite sex and being accepted as such. Both of these extremes, and everything in between, are TVs. How do we handle this? Good question, and one which I would like to discuss in another article. But, for now, let's just say, there is a great diversity and no one person is any better or less a person just because of where they are along the continuum. We all need acceptance, help, and friendship. Let us accept everyone and provide the assistance appropriate to the individual.

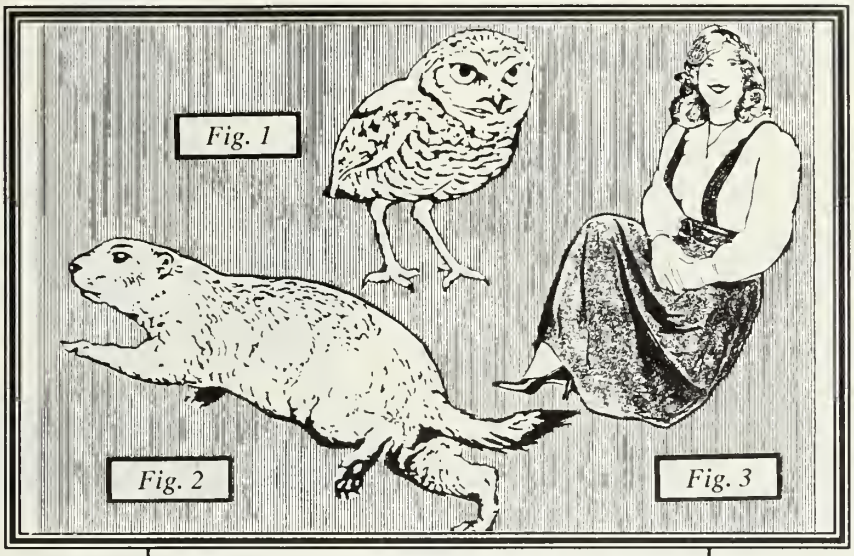
Finally, those who are involved in planning, organizing, and carrying out regional events need to understand that TVs do have serious concerns and interests, concerns and interests that are quite varied and deep. We, as a community, need to understand those concerns and offer structured programs and workshops during regional events that provide the TV a forum in which to begin to resolve his or her problems. This is not that difficult once it is accepted that TVs are different and do have serious concerns. Before, I mentioned TS tracks, and dealt with them in what could be considered negative terms. I have nothing against these programs, and I do not want to see them go away or be reduced. They are needed. What I would love to see is the people who are responsible for planning and coordinating TV/CD tracks to put the same care and thought into those tracks that a person like Chris Young puts into her TS track. Bringing the TV/CD track up to the standards set by the TS track in both content, relevance, and presentation is necessary.

... many of us in Genderland...have been unable to shed the John Wayne Syndrome.

If I have offended some of you with what I have said, then I am sorry. That was not my intent. If, however, I got some of you to think, then I have succeeded. Chris Young, Program Director for IFGE, who runs perhaps the best and most balanced TS program at regional events, uses the analogy of a train trip in describing our journey to self discovery. There are, according to her analogy, stations along the way at which we should get off and look around. Such stations include the fetish TV station, the advanced TV

station, the transgender station, the pre-op TS station, the surgery station, the post-op station, and the new woman station. Her advice, to all who listen, is to stop at each station and take the time to look around and learn all there is at each stop. And, if that person finds that he or she is comfortable at a particular station, that they really feel that this is where they belong, then they shouldn't get back on the train. Though it still hints of the continuum, it is a wonderful way of looking at our journey and beautiful advice that I wish more people would listen to.

After years of struggle, both within the gender community and within our society, we are beginning to see the light of day. It is no longer a life-threatening adventure to go out dressed. It is no longer an all or nothing-at-all when one considers the gender issue. Society is becoming more accepting, or I should say, tolerant of the transgender community and we, collectively and individually, are becoming more and more comfortable with moving out of the dimly lit gay bars and into the daylight of mainstream society. This is progress, but progress that we must make together.



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Let's face it, we are not all created equal. There is no stereotype, no perfect model of the transgenderist person. Each of us is different, each of us is important. For some, the solution to our gender identity is surgical. For most, it is not. Accept that. Be willing to accept that in yourself and in others. With that acceptance, take pride in who and what you are. And while you are doing so, accept your brother and sister and help them to be the best, most complete, and happiest person that he or she can be, regardless of label, regardless of goals. It is, after all, only proper and fitting that we do so. For the most feminine of qualities is that of nurturing. A perfect mother loves her child, regardless of what he or she looks like, or what he or she becomes. For those of us who are striving to find a female voice, let us take pride in what we are, and help nurture our sisters and brothers so that they can take pride in who and what they are.

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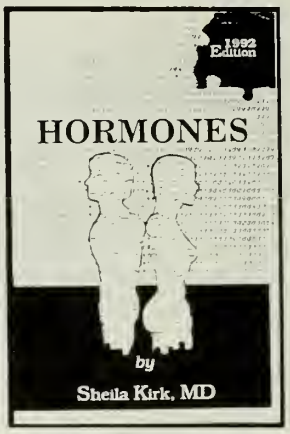

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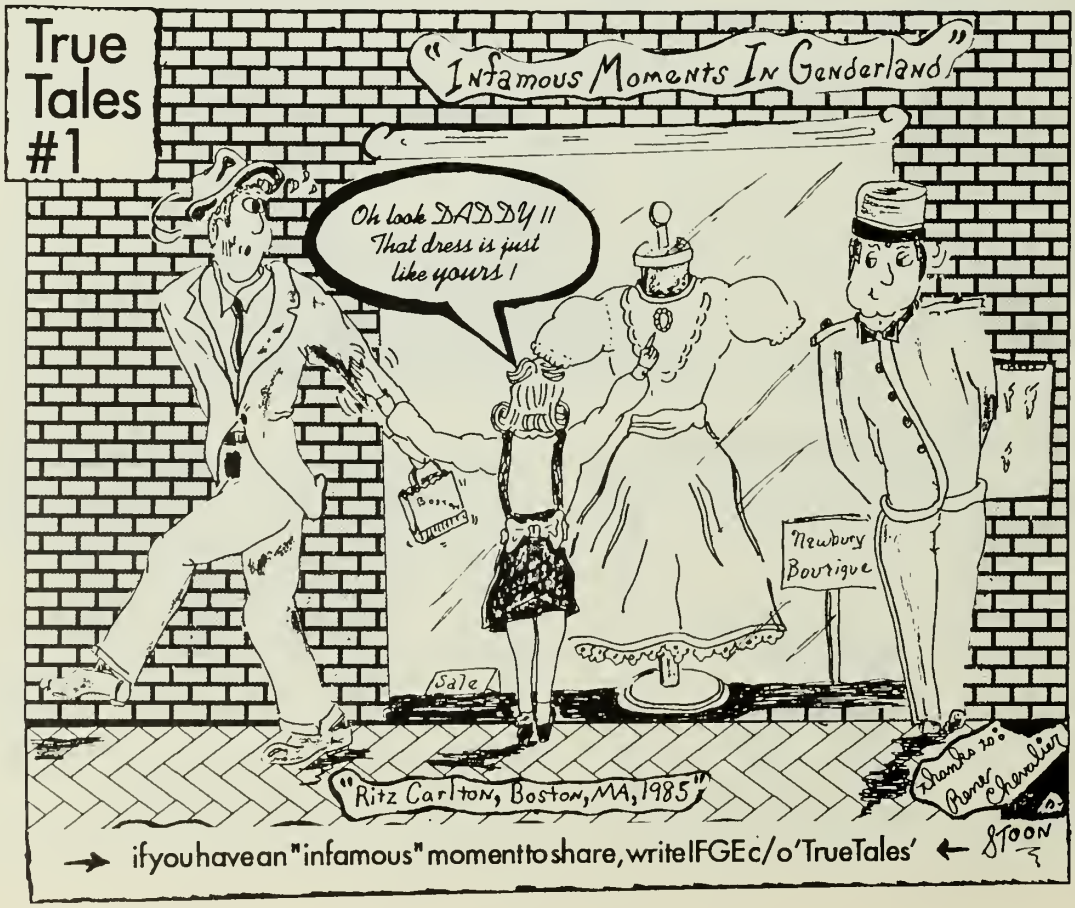


Listen!

by
Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie

Unless [we] enjoy talking to ourselves, it takes two for human communication. This usually means one to speak and the other to listen . . . [but] most of us have forgotten the fine art of listening. If we listen at all, which is rare, we have the static of our own preconceived ideas working constantly until, when all is said and done, we hear not what the person is saying, but what we are prepared to hear.

- Leo Buscaglia

We are, for the most part, good talkers, and poor listeners. In the speech he gave in acceptance of the Nobel Prize in 1950, William Faulkner says,

> *I believe that when the last ding-dong of doom has clanged and faded from the last worthless rock hanging tideless in the last red and dying evening, that even then there will still be one more sound: that of [our] puny, inexhaustable voice still talking.*

This is a bittersweet image -- a little funny, but also tragic. This is the state I would guess most of us find ourselves in most of the time. We speak into a wasteland, into a vacuum.

The philosopher Martin Buber defines a true dialogue as

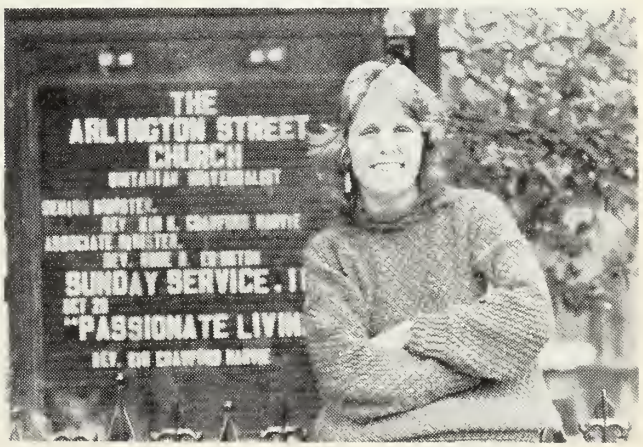
> *. . . one in which the speaker has the other person's individuality and special needs in mind. . . . [O]ne sees in the passing parade not a crowd . . . , but a collection of individuals, each of whom, without exception, can be seen as a person.*

Buber believes that the goal of all true dialogue can be the welfare, enhanced fulfillment, sustenance, and limitless respect for the potential of our loved ones.

(Excerpts adapted from a sermon given on November 3, 1991, at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts by the Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie. Even though this article was addressed to a general audience, its message is relevant because communication is a paramount issue in our community. Reverend Crawford Harvie is the Senior Minister of the Arlington Street Church in Boston. Before coming to Boston she was the Senior Minister of the Universalist Meeting House (Unitarian Universalist) in Provincetown, Massachusetts.)

How often do we share that kind of magic in our conversations? We know from experience that there are far, far too many times in which we do not feel heard. If we are honest with ourselves, we know there are also times when we have not heard well. We might call such times misunderstandings or comminication break-downs. Their cause is often a simple failure to listen. We can begin to understand why when we take a moment " . . . *to look at what happens whenever people are together and have a chance to talk, at any [time when we're] not completely preoccupied with [our] jobs or other activity,* " as Harvey Jackins, founder of Re-Evaluation Co-Counseling, writes. He continues,

> *People are, everywhere and at [almost] all times when in the presence of each other, either trying to be listened to -- talking every chance [we] get -- or waiting patiently or impatiently for a chance to interrupt [the] person who is talking and start talking [ourselves].*



Our energy is not with listening, but with the effort to make ourselves heard.

Dr. Leo Buscaglia writes,

> *Saying what we feel and mean, saying it clearly, listening to what the other says and making sure that we're hearing accurately, is . . . the skill most essential for creating and maintaining loving relationships.*

Easy to say, hard to do. So hard, in fact, that it is entirely possible that we will never really begin to listen to each other, to really hear each other, until we agree to take turns. Yes, take turns -- "I will listen to you and give you my undivided attention if you will then do the same for me." The basis for friendship is reciprocity . . . and listening and being listened to may well be the basis for reciprocity.

> When our listening is respectful, we contradict a lifetime of the wounds of disrespect.

Agreeing to take turns is a beginning, but listening and being listened to is much more complicated than just that. It is more complicated because the static from our past gets in the way of our ability to hear clearly in the present. Both emotional and physical pain have a nasty way of sticking around and getting in the way indefinitely . . . until we do something about it. What that means is that information coming in is distorted by that pain. Harvey Jackins writes,

> *When reminded of it enough, . . . we are thrown into a repetition of the inability to think, [caused by] the original hurt. . . . and so we act rigidly, uncomfortably, unsuccessfully.*

Worst of all, with no awareness of the dynamic, we just add new pain to the old. Everything about how we live our lives today is an expression of how much or how little we have sorted-out and resolved our past. Everywhere we go, in everything we do, we bear the burden of the weight of our accumulated distress, and our freedom of movement and expression is restricted by that burden. This is where listening and being listened to come in. This is where friendship is elevated to a healing art.

We can help one another lighten the load of that burden of the past by being good listeners. Leo Buscaglia writes,

> *I recently discovered that the average speaker can utter 125 words per minute. The [average] listener can process about 400 to 600 words per minute. True listening is determined by how we decide to use the intervals.*

True listening requires attention and work. We can open with, "Tell me about yourself." If the response is, "There's not really much to tell," we might try, "Tell me what you would like to change about yourself." They will tell you! The hardest part is to remember that we will get our turn. Right now, it's their turn. That means we don't say, "Oh, me too! The same thing happened to me when . . . "

The focus stays on them.

One of the first things that we see, when we really look, is that the other person's distress, their history of physical and emotional pain, is written all over their body. Even in joyful moments, we can see the pain of the past in a person's face, in their posture, in their whole presentation.

While it is important for a good listener to affirm the feelings expressed, it is also important to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of the speaker. The burden of pain always eats into our self-esteem. All of us are wounded. Some of us hide our wounds more skillfully than others. Sometimes, simply feeling heard, feeling deeply listened to and affirmed by the interest and attention of the listener, can be a transforming experience, lightening the load of the past. Just keeping our mouths shut and our faces open can transform a person's life!

Respect is important, too. When our listening is respectful, we contradict a lifetime of the wounds of disrespect. Lack of respect is at the heart of every oppression on the planet -- sexism, racism, agism, homophobia. All of these begin with disrespect. When we contradict that oppression with an attitude of respect, miracles can happen. A friend who has enabled me both to understand and experience this kind of healing told me the moving story of a group of young people who sat in a circle, working on the dynamics of respect and disrespect. In turn, each one said to the other, "I solemnly promise that from this moment on, I will never again treat any young person, including myself, with anything less than complete respect." Adopting an attitude of respect makes our listening and our lives more powerful.

Connected to an attitude of respect is an attitude of confidence, confidence that the people to whom we are listening can have the kind of richness in their lives that they desire and deserve. We can say, "I believe you. I believe in you. I believe you can do it." Very few of us had much confidence expressed in us. Harvey Jackins writes, "Even our . . . parents, who wanted . . . to give us the best start in life they possibly could, had been so hurt themselves that often, when they [meant] to express confidence and support, they [ended up giving] us warnings": Be Careful! Hold on Tight! Don't Go Too Far! "We got their fears instead of their confidence." As listeners, we can contradict those early messages with

statements like: Go for It! Let Go! The Sky is Not The Limit!

Something magical happens when we really listen to one another with awareness, respect, approval, and reassurance. It is simply this: we begin to fall in love. We see our own pain mirrored in one another's lives. We feel the healing power of love. And a deep sense of connection and commitment begins to emerge. As Harvey Jackins writes, love " . . . improves [our] listening. Most of us are suffering from an inadequate chance to express love. Most of us are pent-up with love that we don't have enough opportunity to express. . . . Needing to be loved [is] a small thing compared with the need to love." This listening and falling in love is good for us. The sense of commitment that emerges between and among us is good for the world.

Commitment. I am coming to understand that it is a good thing, a life-giving thing, to say to one another, "I'm with you. I'm for you. I will not leave you." I know that some of what gets in our way about commitment is that, after we've said that, we have visions of not being able to come through, nightmares of feeling compelled to rescue all those loved ones from their lives and losing ourselves in the morass. But, when someone calls and says, "You said you'd stick with me, come and do my dishes . . . ," it's appropriate to say, "I'm sorry. That's not what I meant. Let me support you in doing your own dishes. I'm for you, but not for your dirty dishes!"

May we seek to be present to one another in grief and in joy; to cry and to laugh together, and so to hear each other into speech, and into life. As Harvey Jackins writes, this listening " . . . *won't work like a magic wand. Just when [we] start to feel very much better because of our initial successes,* " something painful will rise from the depths of our past and, for a while, we will feel very much worse. But, if we persist on our listening to one another, our perspective will clear. We might even " . . . *regain the picture [we] had when [we] were young of the way life should be.*" The deeper and wider meanings of our lives will be revealed, and the joy will reemerge. Let us listen, and let us love.

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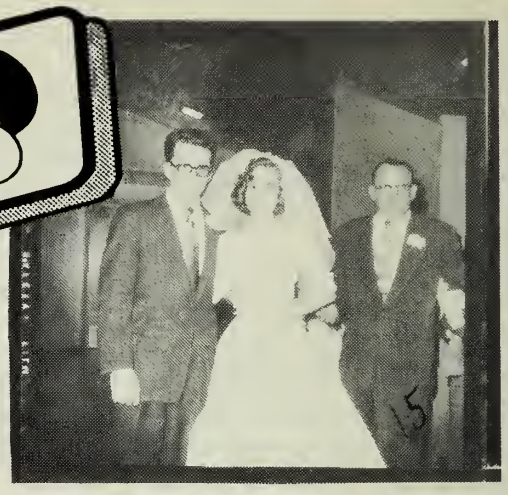

HE SAID: by Linda Phillips

How to write about a life time of, "Doing what comes naturally," or, if you are a guilt case, "Doing what you shouldn't when you hadn't oughta"? It all started when I was three. When I tell straight (my wife hates that term, she tells me to say ordinary) people I started dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex at age three, they say that it's impossible for someone to remember back that far. I tell them it's very possible if your mother worked you over with a hairbrush for wearing your cousin's dress. I can even remember the color of the carpet I was spanked over. You know the dress was pink, right? Now that could be wishful thinking.

My story is not that different from most crossdressers', except that in spite of the initial spanking, I never had any guilt about what I was or what I did. My mother could never understand that instead of the little boy she thought she had, she really had a little girl. The "gender fairies" didn't get it either when instead of installing a set of female breasts on me, they gave me a beard, a gift that cost me a fortune when I had it removed years later. I also learned that wishing won't make it so. Like many of you I lay in my little bed of childhood and prayed to an unlistening and seemingly uncaring God to please spare me the the indignity of becoming male, and to keep the testosterone monster from attacking me and giving me a coarse, hairy, muscular body.

Instead, I got half lucky. I didn't get too tall, my hands and feet weren't impossibly large, and I never got an Adam's apple. I did, however, get a fairly broad (wrong word) set of shoulders, some rather large muscles, and other male attributes I neither asked for nor wanted. When I was a young teenager, my mother gave me a clothing allowance. Before school each year she would give me money to buy my clothes. From that time on, I always got only women's clothes. They may have been blue jeans and T-shirts, but I knew where they came from. Occasionally someone would notice that my

SHE SAID: by Cynthia Phillips

By the time I was seventeen, I had dated a lot and was sick and tired of the macho jerks I had been out with. I wanted to date someone who wanted to BE with me, not be SEEN with me. Those guys get real old real fast. My best friend had been dating this "neat guy from California." He had asked her for a date on the following Saturday, but she already had a date for that night. She called me and talked me into a blind date with "this fabulous guy." I was expecting a Tab Hunter-type. WRONG! But about an hour into our date I realized that I liked him and that there was something special that I just couldn't put my finger on . (Maybe it was the dress. No, that was later.) I thought it might be his great sense of humor, but I still wasn't sure. I found it amusing that he kept trying to put his foot into my size four shoe. What a character! He was definitely different. Rather than make a pass at me later in the evening, he asked me what size dress I wore and what my measurements were.

Jim and I had been dating about a month when he told me about LInda. At first I thought he was kidding. After I stopped laughing he told me he was serious. This was just a part of his life. Since we were moving towards marriage he wanted me to be aware of Linda before our relationship had gone too far. He "dressed" for me about a week later. (Fortunately she is much more sophisticated now than she was then.)

I never thought any less of Jim for dressing as Linda. The soul never changes. I was given the opportunity to see the complete person, somethng that many mates never get to view. I always considered the fact that Jim/Linda was so completely honest with me an honor. It never occurred to me that this dual-gendered person could or would be a threat to me, or to the image I had of myself. I always felt that he was a very special person, and since he wanted to include me in his life, I must be special, too.

clothes seemed a bit feminine, but my male persona was so strong that I could get away with it. At the age of thirteen the front door beckoned to me. Wearing my hair as long as I could get away with, and my women's jeans and T-shirts, I could walk around the block at night just to feel the enjoyment of seeming to be female. Forty years later it's a walk I still seem to be taking.

Obviously, no one was going to let an anatomical male go to school as a female except in a fantasy book, so I was left to my own devices to solve my problem the best I could. Linda always existed, Jim was my creation. He enabled me to survive in a world that insisted I was male. I survived by relying on my skills with things mechanical to provide me with that essential masculine image. I was never in the service, nor did I ever want to be. If I had to, I would have pleaded homosexuality to avoid induction. I have slept in a nightgown since I left home at eighteen. I don't think that would have worked in a barracks situation.

I had no discomfort with him/her because he never felt any guilt about who and what he was. I truly believe this has ruined so many lives and marriages. If Linda had been guilty about herself, we never could have the relationship we have today. I was only seventeen years old when we met, and I certainly was no expert on the subject. I took my lead from Jim. The only time I remember being uncomfortable about this was right after we got married. Linda dressed a lot in the evening, but had never interacted with another person in a close, everyday relationship. Understandably, she was nervous. This, in turn, made me nervous and uncomfortable. Remember, we had no guidelines to go by back in the fifties. After a few months, she and I got to know Linda better and we both relaxed.

The first time Linda and I went to a restaurant was an experience. Linda had been dressing as a girl and going out for years, but she had no self-confidence in her role. She never had much occasion to speak to anyone, so when out in public,

Crossdressing (in dresses, etc.) never turned me on. What did turn me on as a young person was the mental image of myself as a female. Strangely, when I became a teenager, I wanted to continue dressing and acting as a female, and I wanted a girl to be attracted to me and desire me for what I appeared to be. This was an impossibility. I had a lot of

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"Linda" & Cynthia circa 1963

she made an attractive picture, but she was like a cardboard cutout of a girl. We went to a little restaurant we had gone to as a couple, now it was as two girls. When the waiter asked us what we would like, Linda froze. She opened her mouth, but nothing came out. I picked up the lull by ordering for both of us. I assumed that the waiter must have thought poor Linda was dumb. She was afraid, she whispered to me, that her voice

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relationships with females, I dated a lot. Most of my friends were girls. Although I wanted to be thought of as another girl, they all thought of me as male. I enjoyed being included in their conversations, unless the it turned to other boys. I was not effeminate, but I did have a certain rapport with the girls that mystified my male friends. At one point I was going steady with two girls at the same time.

When all my girlfriends started shaving their legs, so did I. This caused a few little hiccups in my life. My mother sat down and asked me one day, "Do you shave your legs and underarms? I don't understand, you date girls, but you do all this. Don't you want to grow up to be a man?" What could I say? "No, I want to grow up to be just like you." Exit Mom crying. During a summer date with one of my girlfriends, she asked me if I shaved my legs. "Of course," I answered, "don't you?" Talk about conversational lull. The poor girl sat next to me all afternoon trying to figure out if there really was anything wrong with a male shaving his legs.

I had male friends, to be sure, especially in regard to cars, which had always gotten me by in a crowd of males when I was trying to pass as one. All the bad guys thought anyone who could do what I couls to a car and had that many women in the string couldn't be too bad, even if my clothes were a little on the effeminate side. All during high school my clothes were female. I alwaya made sure I got everything from the girls' department. Even though it was hard to tell the difference, I knew. As any crossdresser can tell you, that's the important thing.

There was one girl I told about myself, but I had waited too long into the relationship. She had already formed a pretty unrealistic image of me in her mind. She took what she wanted of my phoney male persona and assumed that was all there was. She liked the sexual aspect of my being transgendered, however. She had fun with it in the bedroom. It was a neat game to dominate this young male and play at having reversed gender roles. But, when it came to actually recognizing Linda as another female and interacting with her in public, she was not interested. She would go out with me dressed, but only reluctantly. From this I learned that I needed to tell a woman about Linda before the relationship had jelled.

Now, these were the days when Linda was born. Getting a car at the age of fourteen made "her" enterance into the world easier. (Actually, I built the car. The two things I was crazy about when I was growing up were dressing as a girl and working on cars. Go figure.) Every chance I got I would drive to the other side of town, stop in a deserted area, change into Linda (SHAZAM!), go for a walk or a movie, etc. But something was missing. She had no interaction, no friends. Linda was just a sham. Here I was a teenage girl with no one to relate to. This made me a very unhappy little girl.

During a short stay in California , I reaffirmed that all the really good looking girls were in Texas, which meant that was where I wanted to be. So, 1957 found Linda/Jim in Dallas, Texas. One night I had a date with a beautiful but dumb high school girl. When my attempts at conversation bored her, she said that she had a friend I needed to meet. "My friend Cindy would really like you. She likes brainy guys like you."

There are people who don't believe in Kismet. These are people who think the Grinch should be President. Some folks would say that when seventeen-year-old Cynthia opened her door to her blind date that night that it would be impossible for two people who didn't even know each other to find their soul mates, but, Hey! someone has to keep the tradition alive!

Oh, sure, I was a little on the short side for her, I wore glasses and was not exactly rolling in money. I drove a '49 Ford, and, taken all around, she had done better on a bad night. She, on the other hand, was a beauty, still is, one of those southern girls you'd sell your soul to the devil just to spend an evening with. More important, she could actually carry on a conversation and make (a great deal of) sense.

Cynthia and I had known each other about three months before I told her about myself. By then we had pretty much figured that we had each met the person we wanted to spend the rest of our days with. Linda wanted to know what Jim's intentions were about this pretty young thing. Linda like Cynthia, she really liked her a lot. Jim wasn't sure how he was going to tell Cynthia that her Prince Charming was actually wearing silver lame instead of the suit of armor she thought he had on. It was time to tell her about the other girl in my life, the one I carried around inside, that only existed in my mirror,

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wouldn't work right.

After that embarrassing start, we decided to work on the public Linda, something I think we have got right after about thirty years or so. I was amazed when Linda told me that what she liked to do, dress up and go out as a girl, was illegal. It had never occurred to me that a person couldn't dress any way they chose. It was a wonder to me that she didn't feel guilty about what she did since it was against the law. The fact that she never was guilty about it helped her to grow at a rapid rate. But, when she reached her teenage years, she slowed down to a crawl. (After thirty-four years, I am finally used to having a teenage girl around the house.)

One night we were involved in our favorite pastime, window shopping. This was in the dim, dark days before malls! The area we were in was a very exclusive little city outside the Dallas city limits, and they had their own police force. That time we were driving a beautiful old car that Jim had restored. Wherever we went it attracted a lot of attention. When we rounded the corner to where we had parked, we were greeted by our car surrounded by police cars. Linda was sure the police were looking for her. As usual, I managed to calm her down, sending her into the nearest drugstore. "Just stay there until I come and get you. Read a magazine or something." When I walked up to the car, the police asked if it were mine. "Boy, it's a beauty. You never see them like this on the road anymore." It had just been a slow night for the police. They were killing time by looking at our old car. That taught Jim to get a more mundane car for the nights when Linda and Cynthia were going out on the town!

The thing that was hard for me to accept was Jim's love of old cars. Crossdressing was something I could understand, but I came from a family that looked upon cars as just something to get you from one point to another. I had a hard time adjusting to car parts in my living room, cars of all descriptions in the yard, and driving several hundred miles to look at a rusty hulk in a junkyard and then towing it home as if it was valuable. In later years, when we had an auto parts business, and I worked with Jim, I discovered I could make more money running a parts counter than I could pounding a typewriter as a secretary. I also found I could restore antique cars, but it was too hard on the hands and nails.

Linda and I have switched back and forth over the years being the major wage earner. At one time, when we had our auto parts business I was working for Jim in sales and as a counter person. Later, when I had my own upholstery business, Jim worked for me. It NEVER mattered to either one of us that one might be making more money than the other, because it always went into the same pot. We have always pulled together, never apart. If there is a secret to our relationship, this was a big part of it. It takes two halves to make a whole - in a marriage, or in a transgendered person. Both halves must work together, or you really have nothing. What I am trying to say is that we have never been petty. We were and are more concerned and caring about the other person than we are about ourselves.

The more time we spent together as a couple, the closer our relationship grew. Since we had made the decision not to have children, we were able to devote all of our time to each other. I had been raised as a Catholic and had gone to Catholic schools. I brought my religion with me into our marriage. After we had been married two years a priest threatened to annul our marriage because we were using birth control. At that point I realized that Jim/Linda meant the world to me. I saw that it was us against the world. That's when our real communicating started getting in depth. People are always asking us what the secret is to the special marriage we have. I believe it comes to mutual respect and considerable communication. Please don't think that we believe we are perfect, or have the perfect solution. What we do works for US.

When we were first married, I never thought the crossdressing would go away, but I did think it would eventually smooth out and take a back seat. In the third year of our marriage I found out how wrong I was. Out of the blue Linda informed me that she was transsexual and wanted to be pregnant. WHAM! What a blow to a young, naive, Catholic girl. I felt our life falling apart. I had no one to turn to. I had no books to read, nor anyone I could write. I realized I had no one but Linda to comfort me, so we comforted each other.

After much conversation, I finally agreed to go to the store and buy Linda a maternity outfit. I felt like I was on

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whose wardrobe I carried in the trunk of my car. There was no coming out to it, I just casually mentioned that along with long walks, picnics, old movies and old cars, I also happened to like to dress and act as a girl sometimes.

"You really like to wear dresses?"

"Yeah, well, you see, it's the way I was born. I really have another personality, a female one."

"Hmmmmn . . . Well, I bet my mother's clothes would fit you. Would you like to try one of her dresses on?" (I was, harumph, a little larger in those days.) Cynthia's mother's taste ran to flowered house dresses, hardly the fashion that Miss LInda was interested in, but the offer came from the heart, and my disclosure really hadn't upset or frightened Cynthia. Here was someone who thought that a psychiatrist was a guy with thick glasses in a bad movie who told Ray Milland he had to stop drinking. Here was someone who judged someine else by the person the appeared to be, who thought labels were for jars, and who had never heard of Hirschfeld, Ellis, Freud, and the rest of the professionals who wanted to box up all the people in the world who were different and tell Society that as long as we were all identified it would be easier to know what to be afraid of. She knew she loved me, she knew I was kind to animals and small children, that I worked hard to make my way in the world. She also knew that what I wore didn't make a bit of difference in the scheme of things.

So, in spite of the dire warnings you read in the books about the slim to none chance of a happy marriage happening to a pervert like me we had the big church wedding Cynthia wanted. (I still laugh at the jerk who wrote that even if the marriage appeared to work, it would never last over five years. This guy said it was impossible, never happen, and that women who dated and married guys like me were sick, or if they weren't, they would end up that way.) No, I did not wear the wedding dress. (This was 1958, remember?) Oh, yes, I have a wedding dress, now, just like most crossdressers have or want. Cynthia saw to it that I got anything my heart desired in the way of clothes. If we couldn't afford it, she made it. She also tried to make sure I had no fantasies left unfulfilled. If it were in her power to help me achieve anything I wanted to achieve, she did it. Needless to say, all this made Linda a very happy girl, and when Linda's happy, everyone around her is happy.

Have you ever thought of the incredibly cruel joke nature plays on men and women? They really have nothing in common other than the mechanical fact that A goes into B

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another planet. Nothing was real to me. I remember my trip to that store vividly. It has to be one of the hardest days of my life. I came back home with my purchases. Linda was thrilled. I was devastated. But, I knew I cared too much for this person to get out. Linda's strong feelings continued for about ten years. My gut feelings throughout this were confusion (Linda's were too) as we struggled with something neither of us understood. Now that I am older, I realize that most women go through a deep-seated need to bear children. I didn't feel threatened when Linda went through this phase as I never had to deal with this as it pertained to me. My main concern became my husband Linda. She was obviously suffering, and I desparately wanted to help her find peace. I can't tell exactly how we worked this out, as it was also interwoven with her transsexual feelings. This was a very confusing time for both of us, but we worked through it.

I NEVER tried to take control of Linda's life, or set limits on Jim's behavior, just as he has never done this to me. A friend of mine told her husband, "If you love someone, you want to give them wings, not chains." I couldn't have put it any better. That is EXACTLY how WE feel about each other. I didn't marry my husband because I wanted to try to change him. I married him because I wanted to be a major part of his life, no matter what.

Compromise is a word I would like to wipe out of relationships. When we compromise, no one wins. If I take the we out of our relationship and make it me, no one would win. Compromise only makes one person happy. It took both of us to make a whole relationship. When we feel a need to compromise, we are setting limits. To me, it's impossible to set limits in a marriage like ours. I consider compromise and limits negative words. Rather thatn compromise or set limits, Linda and I learned how to communicate. This is a word I often heart, but the skill is seldom used. Since Linda and I had only each other to talk to when we were first married, we learned early on to communicate our feelings. Linda and I have always enjoyed long discussions and explorations into the inner workings of our minds. I truly believe that this is the foundation our marriage is built on. Sure, we've disagreed, we've had our arguments. BUT, we agree to disagree. We try not to be hurtful, or to say something to the other that we will regret later on. I know that statement is old, but it has worked for us!

I truly believe that being married to a gender bender has helped me to grow as a person, and has been an asset to our marriage. For starters, we had a common bond, we were both "gender females." Jim is very much a part of Linda, but I believe I was relating more to Linda as we were best friends when we were first married. I had never lived with a man before. I was always closer to my girlfriends than to the boys I dated. You could never share a confidence with a guy you were dating the same way you could with your best friend. Plus, we were sharing a "secret," which sometimes adds to a relationship. We also always try to help the other to be the very

quite readily. One of our favorite jokes is about what a screw up was made the day they thought that combination up. All things except offspring concerned, men seem to get along much better with men, and women with women. Forget the tradition of joining the two warring genders together.

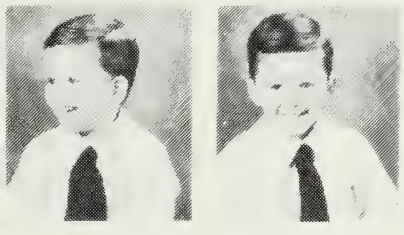
We have said over and over that our marriage is happy not in spite of my being transgendered, but because of it. The words of my brother-in-law stand out in my mind. "Now I see how you get into your wife's head, you get into her clothes." He didn't know it, but he had hit the nail on the head. Although clothes have nothing to do with it. Cynthia makes me feel female. She likes me that way. By being her girlfriend, helpmate, and confidante I have earned the right to be called "her," "she," and by my female name, terms of endearment more important to me than a thousand gowns.

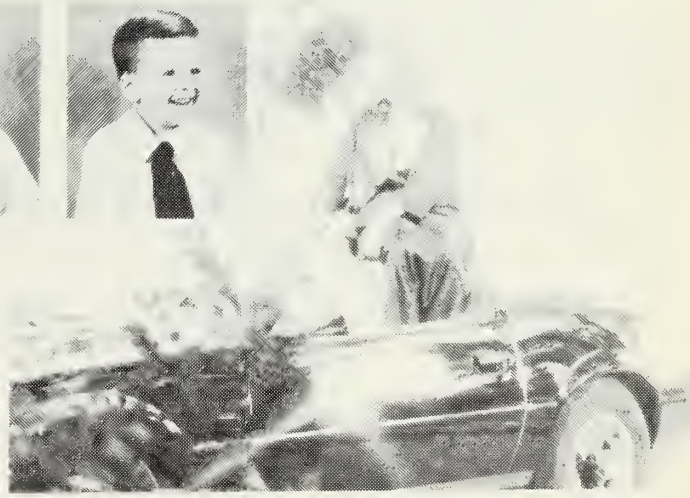
After 33 years of wedded bliss, Cindy and Paul Cameron claim their marriage hasn't lost its spark. They love romance, dancing and shopping—for the dresses they *both* wear

The bride wore white... and so did the groom

I'm proud of my husband. I want to be able to tell everyone this is who we are and what we do

I've never felt threatened by Paul's fantasies. I just accept them





(left) One of the Philips' many media outreach efforts.
(middle) "Linda" as a child
(below) Young Love

best. Linda helped me realize I could achieve any goal I set my sights on. She gave me the confidence I needed, and I, in turn, gave her confidence. Confidence is something you can't buy, or get from a book. It is a gift that you must be willing to accept. We both gave this gift to each other. We gave each other wings.

Linda/Jim and I go to restaurants. We are always smiling, animated, and talking. We look around and see other couples just sitting there, bored, staring into space. How sad! How can they spend their life together and have nothing to talk about? The longer we are together, the closer we become, the more common interests we have. (That's not to say that we agree on everything. That's what keeps friendships interesting.) I have people in the ordinary world tell us they like being around the two of us as we put out a special aura. All it really is, is liking each other well enough to really, truly care.

We have a tremendous amount of respect for each other. Linda always treats me like a lady, and I do the same for her or for him, depending on the clothes. I believe that respect is one of the most important ingredients in a great relationship. I respect Linda more than any person I have ever

Nirvana? Well, in a way. Oh, sure, we have had problems. Like the time in my mid-twenties when I decided I liked being Linda so much that I would get an operation and become a "real" woman. Let me tell you about real women. How many men would stay married to a woman who woke up one day and informed them that they had decided to become a "real" man, and they were going to stop shaving their legs and wearing makeup, start hanging out at the local beer joint, and leave the house and the kids for him to take care of? A man simply couldn't handle it. Yet, I have seen more than one wife put up with a mate who said they wanted to be called by a female name, treated as a female, dress as a female, all the while sitting on the couch drinking beer and watching the Bears game while she cleaned the house.

How we tell our wives about ourselves is where most of us make a big mistake. After twenty years of trying to overcome our natural instincts, we go to our wives hat in hand to tell them about thisd terrible thing we do, we dress as

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met. It's easy for me to feel this way. She has earned this. I, in turn, feel that I have earned her respect. I've discovered that respect is something that can't be freely given, it MUST be earned.

Many crossdressers want all the best parts of being a woman without any of the work. They don't have any desire to pay their dues. I wouldn't have the positive feelings I do today if my husband had been this way, if he had wanted inly the icing on the cake. I can tell you now, there wouldn't be ANY cake! Linda has always worked around the house. Now that we are retired, she does almost all the housework. This makes me appreciate LINDA. She has most definitely earned her WINGS.

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The Phillipses together at the *Texas "T" Party*

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There were some bumps along our happy little road of adventure. The electrolysis didn't bother me (except for the money!), but when Linda decided she had to take hormones, we had to sit down and talk. This time Linda won. Guess it was her turn. I will spare you my opinion of hormones.

We recently became active in the gender community again after an absence of many years. This grew out of a strong desire to help other people. Since we have been back, we have hit many bumps. We deluded ourselves into thinking that everyone in our community were sisters. We must also have thought that this was OZ. We evidently were being terribly naive. We found out very quickly that there were people in our community who were only interested in power and prestige. Linda and I were even accused of this. I couldn't believe it. Our motives were pure, but we were being tromped on. This was impossible. How could this happen to us? We found ourselves caught up in a whirlwind of hate, dislike, and jealosy. I felt like saying, "But, Toto, it was never like this in Kansas!" You are probably thinking I am naive. Maybe I am. Maybe we have led a sheltered life. But it was our life, and a GOOD life . . . After bleeding for awhile, we licked our wounds and went on. Are we glad we did? You bet!

Linda, Jim, and I have a wonserful life together, in spite of a few glitches. But, ANY good marriage takes a lot of giving on both parts. The finished product was well worth the effort. I wouldn't trade my life with this person for anything in the world!

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women, and have for years, in secret, in motel rooms, in the cellar when no one was home, ... What is she to think? Remember, all she has to go on is what we tell her. She hasn't spent a lifetime with this. In fact, she has probably never heard of it. As a woman once told me, "After all, they are my clothes. I certainly never thought of them as erotic or sexually significant. What I do hate is the deception and the years of leading a double life. How could he do this to me?" That is what they really resent, the fact that their husbands never cared enough to tell them up front. That the love they believed existed between them was a sham.

Where I have been with my transgendered state has changed over the years. At one point I decided that I was TS. It was actually a natural progression of events. At that time I lived as much as I could as a female. Cynthia was earning the bulk of the family income since my business was just beginning. It was mostly mail order. I was home alone all day and got to thinking of myself as the housewife, dangerous thoughts for a young, transgendered male. It started to appeal to me. Wouldn't it be neat to BE the housewife? I knew about SRS, although the term hadn't been defined yet. Remember, this was only ten years after Christine Jorgensen's return from Denmark. The cost of the surgery was high, and the technique imperfect (sort of like today). I thought I could become a real female and perhaps evem have children. Linda wanted to be a Momma, a natural desire for most women.

I told Cynthia my desires. She looked at me with the compassion that only a real woman can have and told me that was impossible. "You can't ever be a real woman, Sweetheart, you weren't born that way. All you can do is look like a woman, which you already do. All a doctor could do would be to alter your genitals to resemble a female's." IN those days crossdressing was illegal and it worried me a lot. While I didn't get read, I knew it was a possibility, and so was jail if I were reported. I brought this up. Cynthia said, "They will arrest you first and then check you out. No one has the right to look under your skirt to see if you are female or not. What's between your legs is not going to change anything else." For ten years I ached with the desire to BE a woman. Cynthia was always trying to help me over this hurdle. "You won't get rid of me. If you go for the surgery we will lie about our marriage. I will never leave you." I eventually came to understand that I could not become a woman, and I was also a very lucky person. I had someone in my life who cared enough about me to undergo what some women would consider the supreme insult: to do away with the person they had married and substitute someone of the same sex as themselves.

Cynthia helped me to understand that SRS is illogical from more than one standpoint. Everyone who has ever studied SRS knows it is really just a piece of cosmetic surgery between the legs. True, for some people, just the sight of that (artificial) female genitalia in the mirror is enough to give them a sense of peace they never had before. But, the brutal

fact is, as my wife told me, "You can't be a woman, only look like one." As Cynthia told me, "You spent a lifetime working on your male image. You don't have another lifetime to perfect another image. You have a large amount of imprinting on your personality that says 'male,' something that is hard to overcome." Indeed, some of the most masculine of individuals I have met are post-op TSs. Also, I might add, some of the most unhappy.

I knew that going full time was wrong for me for many of the same reasons. When we were first married I did a little full time. It was fun to play wife, to cook dinner, clean house, and think of myself as a young woman. This was in a controlled situation. I was young, attractive, and had a lot of fantasy to play out. After I retired and decided to live full time, for good this time, I found the world had changed. I found I was just another average middle aged woman, and let me tell you, the world is full of them. After a lifetime of it, women are used to the second class citizen routine. For a lifelong male it is another story. Since Cynthia and I do a lot of TV shows, go to a lot of conventions, and Linda likes to travel anyway, I have had my share of the sexist treatment of middle aged women. We took our van in to have the tires balanced. Cynthia told me to stay with her in the waiting area. I tried to concentrate on our conversation, but I noticed the boys in the shop were warming up to the idea that they had a couple of old broads here that migh go for what we used to call in the garage business, the full load. I finally had to go into the shop and get short with them, telling them to just do what we asked and forget the fact that they thought we needed everything from new tires to an alignment (on a '91 vehicle, yet).

One day as we were traveling, Cynthia and I were rushing to be a certain place at a certain time. "Hurry up Linda, put on your makeup, we have to get going."

"Wait just a minute." I had had enough. "I don't have to put up with this second class citizen jazz! I'm a guy. Where does it say I have to do this every day?" Cynthia looked askance.

"I wish I could decide whether to wear makeup and a dress today."

"Well, Sweetheart, if you were a transvestite you could," was my deathless retort. It occurred to me then and there that I really did have the best of two worlds. I really wanted to have my cake and eat it too. If you can get away with it, why the heck not? I also realized that I don't need to do away with a very important part of my personality, either through SRS or through living full time. While I have a great many friends who have taken one or the other of these courses, it just isn't my cup of tea. Thanks to a wonderful wife who has allowed me FULL expression as I bobbed and weaved my way through this eventful life of mine, I think I know where I am headed and where I am coming from.

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Bi & Bi

by Andy Plumb

Every few years I get this compulsion to redefine my sexuality; to come up with an identity to play with until it bores me, turns into a self-cliche, or I metamorphose into something different. I've been a bisexual-transvestite, quadrisexual, male lesbian, an androgyne, and a "Don't label me" post-modern sexual being. On my thirty-seventh birthday, after madly switching television channels from 2 to 36 and back to 2 again, I came to the comclusion that I was *Bi and Bi Sexual* which seemed a fairly apt description of my sexuality given my proclivity to play as a man with a man, as a "woman" with a man, as a "woman" with a woman, and as a man with a woman.

(I'd also had fun with other guys in drag, but quinti-sexual didn't have quite the ring to it).

I was around nine years old when SHE (whom I named Selena Anne in the early eighties) came into my life. I have no recollection of ever consciously asking for her; she just appeared, in the guise of a silky slip. The moment I first dropped the compelling garment over my head, letting it slide down my pre-pubescent body, I was awakened to an intoxicating world of senses that I had been unaware of previously. While dressed in my mother's clothes, I temporarily transcended what I considered to be the difficult, frustrating trials and tribulations of boyhood: the fights over whether I was safe or out, the hiding of my tears from my friends, the continual striving to be the best math student, or fastest runner, or class clown. Much to my displeasure, after orgasm, my feelings of ecstacy would be overtaken by paranoia, guilt, and strangeness.

When my second lover... came across a drawer full of black corsets and garter belts ... I expected her to leave me in an instant.

Despite the seemingly miraculous powers of fashions deemed "for women only," I had few longings to leap from birth-given male gender to female. I think that if I had had my druthers, if some super power could have granted my wish, I would have chosen to live happily as a baseball-hurling, panty-clad, outside-the-boundaries-of-the either/or, boy/girl (that still sounds nice). But, given the extreme gender stereotyping and trappings that dominated life in mid-twentieth century America, I had little faith that my idealistic dreams would ever be realized.

I had my first boy-to-boy sexual experience with Michael (all names of sexual partners have been changed), who lived down the street. I am still able to conjure up images of him stroking me while singing Beatles' songs ("I Want to Hold Your Hand," "When I Saw Her Standing There," . . .). I couldn't get enough of his attention, and was very upset when his family took his hand out of my life by moving out of the area. Luckily, I found a couple of other friends to goose around with. Charles, who seemed so "straight and narrow," pulled a nice surprise one sleep-over evening by climbing on top of me and simulating intercourse. On another night together, I got real brave and shared my secret world with him. Not only wasn't he bothered, but he joined me in the wearing of frilly panties, bras, stockings, and other pieces of feminine finery (I have the sneaking suspicion that he now wears his wife's undergarments beneath his corporate uniform). One other friend and I did the transgend-dance a couple of times, but that period of innocent exploration had to come to an end, alas.

During my freshman year of high school, I found myself desperately yearning for a capital G **Girlfriend**, (someone to kiss behind the ferris wheel at the Walnut

Festival) while trying to deny any interest in boys, fearful that I might get labeled "queer." Despite my desires, I was so shy with girls that I did not even go on a date until I was a senior, and even then, I didn't have the nerve to kiss any of them good night. Consequently, Selena Anne and I became more and more intimate during my high school days. We were an intense on-again-off-again couple (I loved her, I hated her, she could take me to the heavens and then down to hell in the course of an hour or two).

When I went away to college, instead of diving into the "sexual revolution" (late 60's), I retreated further into myself, unsure of where to go, or what I wanted to be. I would occasionally have fantasies of men exciting me in ways that my childhood playmates had done (I was fairly certain that gay sex was not just a phase I had gone through), but these were rudely expelled from my mind when a rather stoned man mistook my 19-year-old friendliness for a come-on. It took me years to get over the frightening image of his clammy hands grabbing my throat.

If I didn't have my Selena Anne persona to transform into, I'm not sure I would ever have been able to express my Andy-self with a male. She provided a buffer, a pretense of heterosexuality. When in drag, I knew I wasn't the real thing (a genuine gal), but I made a damn good facsimile, and found it a lark to be exploring the "forbidden territory" outside the gender lines with another person (most of the men I've been with while I was dressed up in women's clothes would identify themselves as straight, despite evidence to the contrary).

In relating to genuine women, I lacked confidence to the nth degree (I would aim for massage parlors when I could no longer hold back my horniness). At the age of 23, I finally found the *Girlfriend* I'd been madly desiring for a decade. I went from a singular identity to Andy-and-Nancy almost overnight. We spent every moment together (or so it seemed), usually in bed, trying out Kama Sutra positions one through thirty-seven. I put Selena Anne in my dorm closet, not knowing how Nancy would react to that aspect of me. Just at the point when I felt ready to reveal more of my selves to her, she said Sayonara, which made the breakup even more difficult to handle.

When my second lover, Alaina, accidentally (?) came across a drawer full of black corsets, garter belts, and other clues to my wild side, I expected her to leave me in an instant, but instead she was intrigued by Selena -- more so than she was by my revealed Andy persona. For the next few months we played dress-up (as a tomboy she had avoided girlish clothes in earlier days) and explored an alternative sexual fantasy/reality. Selena and I were thrilled to finally be playing with a flesh-and-blood woman. It was almost as much fun as the scintillating scenes that reeled through my mind. If only Alaina and I had jelled in other ways, if only . . .

In 1982, I got involved with Elly, a young artistic woman who had become encrushed by a punkish Selena (clad in black fishnets and a red vinyl miniskirt) at a Halloween party. For a year, we played "girl" to girl games (our few attempts at heterosex -- naked male body next to naked female body -- were unsatisfying for both of us), exploring trans-realms that went beyond my wildest imaginings. Elly enjoyed taking on a more masculine/dominant role that was mindblowing, scary, and exciting at the same time. We also engaged in a few Menages-a-Trois with members of either/or gender. Eventually, Elly's passion for Selena waned and she ran off to live with a natural woman in San Francisco. Since I had had an inkling for a while that I was really just a steppingstone to Lesbianism for Elly, the break up didn't send me into the depths of despair. In fact, it gave me the opportunity to really get intimate with Selena and to explore her many facets.

In the past six and a half years, I have had a few short-term affairs with women (two of whom were turned on to me when I was cross-dressed, while one wasn't), and assorted safe sex experiences with men (usually as Selena, occasionally as Andy), but mostly it's the two of me frolicking behind closed doors. I've come to accept, appreciate, understand, and love my femme persona(s) far more often than not. I've found myself journeying from guy to "gal" on days when I wake up singing, "Oh, what a beautiful morning . . . " and on my "To be, or not to be . . . " days. I must admit that even today there are times when the after-effects of transgendering will bring up pangs of guilt and moments of paranoia and feelings of other-worldly strangeness, but I'm usually able to just let them pass right through me and then get on with my lives.

Now that Selena Anne and I are ON much of the time, I spend a lot less time and energy "a-wishing and a-hoping" for Mr. or Ms. Right As One Can Find These Days! And if someone extra-special does happen to come along, I will insist that he or she (or s/he) not just accept my bi-bi-sexuality, but revel in it.

On one level, I'm aware that Selena is only a closetful of clothes, just a material girl at best, a stereotypical female being without substance. On the other hand, rolling on a pair of black lace stockings, draping myself in a satin slip, and stepping into four-inch spike heels rips apart the masculine straitjacket that usually engulfs me. I feel an energy, a vibrancy, a sense of self that I've never experienced encased in a three-piece suit, or in Levi blues and a t-shirt. Ironically, I oftentimes feel more powerful when I am impersonating a woman than when I am impersonating a man. I do not believe I am feasting on negative images of women (which some feminists have said of transvestism), but that I am working/playing towards the end of gender fascism. It really all comes around to: **Who should be the boss, you or your gender?**

Some GIRLS Will Be BOYS

by Marcy Sheiner

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John Armstrong, an artist and musician, lives more or less as an outlaw -- no driver's license, Social Security number, or credit cards. Les Nichols, the star of the first "docuporn" video, is achieving notoriety on the pages of Hustler, and on the talk show circuit. Randy Greenspan has two part-time jobs. At one he presents himself as a female, at the other as a male. Neither appearance has been challenged. Manx is a body builder whose bi-gendered appearance makes him seem like a character out of a science fiction movie. Mickey Larson is a successful businessman, published writer, and father of two, whose mannerisms are punctuated by the unmistakable gestures of a classic butch dyke. About the only thing that these guys have in common is that they weren't always guys. At one time in their lives they were all lesbian or bisexual women.

"I was a strong woman," Mickey laughs, showing me before and after photos that aren't all that dramatically different from each other. "Now, I'm a weak man."

"You don't come across as weak," I tell him.

"How do I come across?"

"As a nice guy."

This "nice guy" was a refreshing step into reality from my research into female-to-male transsexualism. For weeks I'd been immersed in literature, phone interviews, and videotapes about a culture that seemed more like a shadowy nether world than a community of brave pioneers. Newsletters for female-to-male (FTM) support groups offered information on the most efficient method of breast-binding and crotch-stuffing for the pre- or non-operative transsexual. Doctors refused to grant me interviews. Counselors grilled me suspiciously on my motives for writing this article. Illustrations in medical journals depicted phalluses emerging eerily out of forearms. A videotape of "the first transsexual love story" featured a surgically created hermaphrodite with a hollow cock and an intact cunt. Everyone in this network seemed to have one or more pseudonyms, and potential interviewees were referred to me through a seemingly invisible, underground grapevine.

I was therefore understandably nervous about meeting a real, live FTM face to face. But, the minute Mickey entered my apartment, I breathed a sigh of relief. Here was a person who seemed totally at ease in his body, and who showed no visible scars or hormone-induced liver spots. My impression of a sci-fi world of physical mutilation and psychic confusion began to shift.

There are an estimated 10,000 transsexuals in the United States. One in every four persons interested in a sex change, or surgical sex reassignment, wants to go from female to male. Given that the transformation can cost anywhere from $10,000 to $100,000, involves considerable medical risk, leaves the body scarred and with only a dubious facsimile of the primary male organ, the motivating force for such a measure would necessarily have to be compelling. The reasons people undergo sex reassignment are complex and sometimes contradictory, depending on who you talk to.

"This is not about having a penis," says John Armstrong, who spends most of his time counseling FTM's on the phone. "Most of us go on the road to masculinity knowing we may never get a cock." Nor is it, according to John, about attaining male privilege. "On a superficial level," he says, "you do have male privilege." But, he is quick to point out that if known to be transsexual, a person loses not only privilege, but basic human rights.

Les, on the other hand, unabashedly proclaims, "Now I get all the respect in the world."

Mickey, who spent the last twenty years in the lesbian/feminist community, feels that being a man is actually a disadvantage in some ways. "Women look frightened if they see me behind them on the street. It's difficult to smile at a child because people look at me as if I'm gonna molest the kid."

Manx, whose gender is not obvious, but whose practice as a massage therapist has suffered from the change,

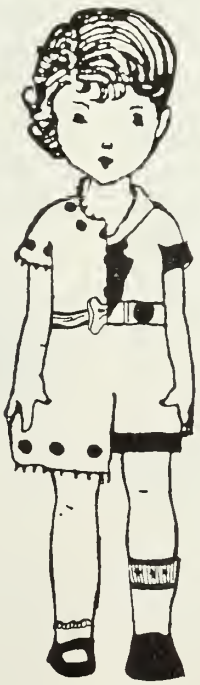
concurs. "Straight men are homophobic, straight women are afraid of you, and lesbians don't want you to touch them."

The primary reason FTM's (as well as male-to-females) undergo sex reassignment is gender dysphoria, a condition recognized by the medical, legal, and helping professions since the late 1960's. It is the clinical term for the overwhelming feeling that one was "born in the wrong body." It is the only acceptable criterion upon which doctors will perform surgical sex changes. Those who are gender dysphoric are biologically a member of one sex, but identify as the other.

There are variations among the gender dysphoric. Transvestites may crossdress only occasionally, while a gynemamedic male or an andromamedic female not only crossdresses, but cross lives as the opposite gender, with or without hormone treatment, and without any surgery. Those who actually undergo full hormone therapy and surgery are transsexuals, but, even here, the terms get fuzzy. Some who have not had surgery still call themselves transsexual. In fact, only ten percent of all the FTM's end up having all the surgery.

For instance, John is on hormones, but nonoperative due to financial constraints. Randy, also nonoperative, had to stop taking hormones after ten years because he developed liver spots. Les has had hormone treatment and twelve surgical procedures. Manx has had hormone treatment and a bilateral mastectomy, but no lower surgery. Mickey has been totally transformed into a man.

Mickey feels that for the gender dysphoric, there's a psychological pressure point where one can no longer identify with one's body. For him, that point didn't come until he was almost forty years old. "I'd look in the mirror and feel that my body didn't match my self image. People were not perceiving me as a butch dyke, they were perceiving me as a male and I was having disassociation from my body. I was heading for a psychic rifat. That's gender dysphoria." Thus, though he had been living as a male all his life, and had often been mistaken for a man, he finally decided to embark on the transformation procedure. He applied to the Gender Dysphoria Program in Palo Alto, California, one of the most difficult to get into, and one of the best. "I wanted it to be hard to get into," says Mickey, "because I wanted to know for sure."



The Process

The program in Palo Alto adheres to the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care, guidelines set up in 1979 in response to the increasing demand for sex reassignment. These guidelines are recommended as minimum criteria and set forth time parameters for the various stages -- psychological, hormonal, and surgical -- of sex reassignment. They exhort professionals to take their moral obligation very seriously, so as not to make tragic mistakes. These standards have attained credibility among the legal and the medical professions. The changes are undergone gradually, in stages that are still reversible before completion of the process.

According to the guidelines, a person must first undergo rigorous psychological evaluations. If accepted into the program, an FTM candidate must live exclusively as a man for at least two years, and be on hormone treatment for a similar period of time, before being eligible for surgery.

Hormones, taken every two or three weeks, are prescribed by endocrinologists. Those on hormone therapy must undergo liver scans regularly. Any damage is reversible once the injections are stopped. In the long term, hormones may cause cancer as well, but it's a risk most gender dysphoric people are willing to take. Testosterone can also cause the uterus to atrophy, so, those committed to long term therapy must also be committed to the possibility of having a hysterectomy. On the plus side, testosterone stops menstruation and increases the sex drive.

The next stage in changing from female to male is removal of the breasts, or a bilateral mastectomy. This operation is only approved if the candidate has had a positive experience with the hormone therapy and has been crossliving for a stipulated time period. At this stage, changes are still reversible. Hormone treatment can be stopped and the body will revert to the female form. Even after a mastectomy, the breasts could be reconstructed. If a person still wants to continue, the next stage is lower surgery, or genital reconstruction, which may or may not include a hysterectomy.

There are three procedures for genital reconstruction: genitoplasty, abdominal tube phalloplasty, and forearm flap phalloplasty. None of the three yields a normally functioning penis. Each procedure has its own advantages and disadvantages.

Genitoplasty begins with the repositioning of the tiny penis that the clitoris has become as the result of the hormone therapy. A vaginectomy removes the interior vagina, the outer labia are sewn together to form the scrotum, and silicone implants are inserted as prosthetic testicles. Tubes are implanted beneath the skin of the lower belly. Water is injected through them into the new scrotum, gradually expanding it over a period of weeks to the desired size. This procedure has been perfected and carries only minor risks. The end result of genitoplasty is a realistic looking, if small (one- to two-inch) penis that retains sensitivity and achieves erections, but is unable to penetrate a vagina.

The abdominal flap phalloplasty results in a considerably larger, though still not quite functional (incapable of natural vaginal penetration)

cock. A square of flesh is cut from the abdomen, running from the pubic hairline to the navel -- that will be the length of the completed penis. The excised flap is attached to the lower abdomen forming what looks like a suit-case handle, until it heals. The end result is a phallic look-alike that lacks sensation and requires the insertion of a solid rod to enable vaginal penetration. This procedure is fairly new and is far from perfected.

The third procedure, even less common, is the forearm flap phalloplasty, in which a large piece of the forearm is removed to form the new penis. Since the top layer of flesh contains lots of nerves and blood vessels, the resulting penis is more sensitive and can be stroked to orgasm. This procedure is both high-risk and high cost, between $45,000 and $100,000. Very few of these have been performed.

The genitoplasty yields a penis that is erectile, probably orgasmic, but too small to penetrate a vagina. The abdominal flap procedure gives the patient a cock that is neither erectile nor orgasmic, but can penetrate a vagina with some mechanical aid, and probably looks all right. The forearm flap cock is probably orgasmic, probably looks OK, and will penetrate a vagina with mechanical assistance. The costs, the risks, and the advantages vary.

Though John has no cock and says that's not what being an FTM is all about, he nonetheless feels that the benefits of a phalloplasty outweigh the discomfort, scarring, and semi-satisfying results. "Because we are men, not having a penis is very traumatic. You would do almost anything to get one. Having a scar is minor compared to being physically correct."

Mickey was given hormones immediately upon acceptance into the Gender Dysphoria Program because "in my case, there was no adjustment. I'd been assuming the male role all my life." After eight months on hormones, he received approval for a bilateral mastectomy, which he had done as an outpatient. Rather than seeing the mastectomy as a physical mutilation, Mickey compares the procedure to breast reduction and other cosmetic surgery, saying that his breasts were hurting him psychologically. "If you're a woman who is going to lose her breasts because of cancer, you're devastated. But, if you're a guy who's going to lose his breasts and be free, you're elated."

Mickey says that his surgeon, Dr. Laub, is "a cross between an artist and a scientist. Whenever he'd unwrap me, he'd be so excited, saying things like, 'Look at that penis! No bruising,' or, 'Those are some of the best nipples I've ever done!'"

After completing the entire procedure and now living totally as a man (including changing his ID's, accomplished with letters and affidavits from his doctor), Mickey is no longer gender dysphoric. "I am more comfortable with myself now, and I don't hold myself back. Before, people didn't know how to perceive me. It was a constant confrontation. Now, they see me as a man, and that's that. I got to leave off a whole lot of baggage I was carrying around and put my energy into other things."

Manx, who has had hormone treatment and a mastectomy, chose not to have the lower surgery, although his

Linda "before"

clitoris is enlarged from the testosterone. With his flat chest and thick bush of pubic hair, all framed by artful, striped tattoos, Manx now resembles both a man and a woman. He has become something new: a bi-gendered being. Manx is pleased with this more fluid gender identity. Previously pained by his breasts, he "spent many years trying to embrace the 'goddess female body,' but it didn't work for a minute. My personal body aesthetic is to be without breasts and to have large pectoral muscles." When I point out that my personal body aesthetic is to look like Audrey Hepburn, but I wouldn't want to lop off half my body to achieve it, Manx goes to great lengths to impress upon me that, "the discomfort we feel is profound, and no obstacle or any amount of rationalizing will diminish it."

John has virtually buried his female persona, despite the fact that he still carries some of her anatomy. He also opposes the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care, which include putting one's ID's in order. "I will be damned if I'm gonna let Big Brother know that I'm a female-to-male transsexual," says John. "The system is getting more and more repressive, and I don't want to be vulnerable."

After a dozen operations, Les is now living as a man with a cunt as well as a cock. Randy, no longer able to take testosterone, is resigned to living in a woman's body. "It's kind of like living with AIDS," he says. "I'm making the best of it. I can't relate to it, but I'd rather be a live woman than a dead man."

Randy's feelings point out the desperation that many gender dysphoric people feel. But, is gender dysphoria a biological condition, or one induced by certain family patterns and/or the gender constructions of our culture? Many FTM's belive that, in the same way that many gays believe sexual orientation is immutable, so, too, is gender identity.

Causes

The idea that gender dysphoria originates in utero actually has some basis in fact. For instance, it is known that hermaphrodites, those born with the genitals of both genders, have gotten "too much" of either the male or the female hormones during gestation. Scientists such as John Money at John Hopkins University speculate that some fetuses might be getting enough excess hormone to make them gender dysphoric, but not enough to make them hermaphroditic. Research into this possibility is now being conducted. Dr. Roger Gorski, Director of the Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology of the Brain Research Institute, has studied various hormonal permutations, including a group of individuals in the Dominican Republic who had been incorrectly labeled female at birth because they had undescended testes. At puberty, normal testosterone levels caused the development of male characteristics. The subjects easily made the adjustment. All reported feeling that they had always been male. Such findings would seem to corroborate that it is indeed possible to be "born into the wrong body."

Les "after"

There does not seem to be a typical family background that forms the transsexual personality. According to Ron Lee, who counsels transsexuals at the Center for Special Problems in San Francisco, "The transgendered population is as diverse as other populations, perhaps with more social pathology, given their lack of acceptance from the culture."

As children, FTM's had similar feelings about the female role as do many lesbians, or even heterosexual feminists: they shunned dolls and traditional female activities in favor of boys' toys and sports. Most report feeling from a very early age that "something wasn't right" with them.

Manx has an older sister who is a male-to-female transsexual. In other words, at one time, she was the brother and he was the sister (talk about pronoun confusion!). As children they swapped toys. "She would let me use her baseball mitt if I would let her curl my hair," says Manx. Although Manx did get the idea he could change after his sister did it, he does not feel that any family pattern contributed to his transsexuality. "I think we're all androgynous. We all have the ability to express duality. I don't feel like a man. I have masculine aspects. I also have feminine aspects. I don't disown any of it."

And Manx does not really call himself a man, though he uses the male pronoun. "I'm a biological female who has had a bilateral mastectomy and is on testosterone, and now I'm more comfortable. I don't feel I am a man born into a female body." He is unconcerned with whether the reasons for gender dysphoria are social or genetic. "What matters is to be allowed to do what one needs to do."

Community Identity

What separates the butch dykes from the FTM's? Why are some lesbians glad when they're perceived as male, while Mickey and other FTM's suffer confusion? One butch I know, Terry, recalls childhood feelings identical to those of John and Mickey. Living in a conservative midwestern town with strictly enforced gender codes, she felt that the only way she'd ever get to fully express herself would be to have a sex change. When she left her home town for San Francisco, though, Terry discovered other women who were interested in playing around with gender. She cultivated relationships in which she could wear a dildo, or spend a week on vacation with her lover "passing" as the male partner, which she found highly erotic. Terry says she has a Utopian vision of a world where one's body doesn't determine one's behavior. She fears that changing one's sex is just another way of buying into our gender-obsessed culture. This is not a perspective shared by most FTM's. Because she's found a supportive community, Terry accepts who she is now. "But, if they ever perfect the technology," she says, "I'll be the first in line. For me, the reason to change would be for the dick. As it is now, I don't want to go through all that and not even get the prize."

So, when does the line between gender play and getting shot up with testosterone get crossed? In "Linda/Les and Annie," a video he produced with Annie Sprinkle, Les talks about having been a lesbian separatist who hated men because of their higher social status, until he became one. Les gives the impression that a sex change is the fulfillment of every lesbian's dream.

But, becoming a man is more like a nightmare to most lesbians, no matter how butch they may be. Some

women, like Terry, experienced childhood feelings that could be labeled gender dysphoric, but they were able to work these out within the context of lesbianism. Others, even the most femme, might fantasize about having a cock, or parading through the streets in male drag. Women who have moments, or even days or weeks, of such feelings, cannot really be called gender dysphoric, since the definition of the term refers to a continuous state of confusion that lasts over a period of many years. "This is not a logical extension of lesbianism," says Mickey. "Many FTM's find community with lesbians, but they still continue to feel out of place in their bodies." Non- or pre-operative FTM's are hidden within the lesbian community, where they find some degree of acceptance by passing for butch.

Sandy and Sal, two lesbians who have been in a relationship for six years, have found the lesbian community "a safe place to hide, to have the female form and be very butch," but have never really fully identified as lesbian. As a couple, both women recently embarked on a course of sex change therapy. "We're convinced we're faggots," says Sandy. Both have considered the change for years. At seventeen, Sal's parents had her committed to a mental institution because she had saved up money for the surgery. Sandy feels that making the change is "a reclamation of the boy inside me."

John feels that the fundamental difference between a butch and an FTM is that a lesbian, butch or not, loves her womanness, and loves women who love women, while "a female-to-male transsexual feels like an alien in a woman's body, and longs to be a heterosexual male."

A lesbian who wants to be a straight man would seem to be the antithesis of lesbianism, and dykes have never taken kindly to the concept of "male" lesbians. Thus, those who embark on the sex change path often find themselves out in the cold. Indeed, John says, "The lesbian community is the only place where I encounter hostility. They think I'm a woman, so they think I'm a traitor."

Mickey considered the possibility that he wouldn't fit in to the lesbian community once he underwent his change, but hoped that his relationship would keep him secure within his circle. Since his relationship broke up, though he still has lesbian friends, he is no longer a part of that network and feels a sense of loss. The first time he went to a woman's bar after the change, he phoned a friend and told her where he was. When she asked how he was being treated, he joked, "They're ignoring me just the way they always did."

Manx still goes dancing in women's bars. With his chameleon-like appearance, he's often taken for "a cute butch." He says hostility usually takes the form of lesbisans asking him how it feels to have male privilege.

Male Privilege

The majority of FTM's resent the assumption that they've changed as a solution to sexism. "If they're becoming a man to get male privilege," says John, "they can forget it. Most states won't change your birth certificate -- it's sometimes harder to get your identication in line than it is to get your body in line, except in California, where they have very enlightened laws."

John seems to have overlooked the fact that male privilege isn't about having valid identification. When pushed on the subject, he insists that his male persona brings him no social benefits whatsoever. But, despite his vehement disclaimers, in Rites of Passage, an FTM newsletter he almost singlehandedly produces and distributes, John refers to testicles as "the family jewels," and he considers having a crotch bulge so important that he outlines methods of stuffing one's pants, or creating penises from fabric. Other contributors to Rites worry about such matters as appearing "unmanly" if they sit down to urinate. Additionally, in the song he wrote for "Linda/Les and Annie," John's lyrics boast, "I've got the best of both worlds, so I'm one up on you." He says that the song was written for Les, to reflect Les's experience, and is not one he would perform himself.

The video has sparked some controversy in th FTM community. When it was shown at a meeting in San Francisco, people were appalled by the fact that Les had undergone an unheard of twelve operations, and were worried that he, with his flaunting of male privilege and stereotyping of lesbians, would be seen as representational of all FTM's. While Mickey and Manx say they appreciate Annie Sprinkle's efforts to educate the public, they're concerned about the stereotypes portrayed in the video. Mickey feels that many of the attitudes expressed by Les, a New York biker, reflect "a class difference. I think he's operating in a world that is much more gender-typed." Manx says he understands what Les is going through because during his first year as a man he spent a lot of time figuring out how not to "act appropriately just to fit in to the patriarchy as a man. Les will probably go through more changes."

There's no denying that, while FTM's may reap some social benefits of manhood on a superficial level, these are far outweighed by their lack of legal status as transsexuals. If known to be transsexual, and discriminated against in such areas as housing or employment, they have virtually no legal recourse. They cannot sue on the basis of discrimination due to gender, sexual orientation, or handicapped status. Because of the lack of legal protection, transsexuals wanted to be included in the recent Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, but Jesse Helms crusaded effectively to exclude them. In fact, they are specifically excluded from this act, not once, but twice: in a separate section labeled "Transsexuals," and again in the section listing other exclusions such as gays and bisexuals, pedophiliacs, compulsive gamblers, and voyeurs. Norm Nickens of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission says that attempts to raise constitutional issues in such cases have been largely unsuccessful.

Sexual Orientation

Since 75 percent of FTM's want to relate to women as men (the other 25 percent actually identify as gay men), the pool of potential partners is somewhat limited. Lesbians don't want to sleep with men, and most straight women want "the real thing," that is, a fully functioning cock. A study done of female partners of FTM's by Dr. Richard Green, UCLA, shows that they are often women who want to be with "penisless men." FTM's who previously lived as lesbians -- there are no accurate statistics, but estimates are that around fifty percent of FTM's were lesbians -- may find it difficult to relate to heterosexual women.

"Culturally, I still identify as a lesbian," says Mickey. "Straight women just don't know certain things, they don't perceive things in the same way. If I were to have a relationship with someone, it wouldn't matter if she identified as straight, gay, or bi, if she were interested in me, but I would prefer not to have to educate her politically."

John, who is bisexual, puts off telling his partners about his transsexualism until they're already smitten. Even then, he maneuvers things so that his genitals are covered and they are not engaged in sex. As to whether or not this is deception, John feels, "It's my genitals that are dishonest. The truth is that I am a man. I'm not gonna tell them I'm a woman, because I'm not." He seldom experiences rejection once a person discovers the whole truth, because he's already been accepted. He also doesn't expect or want his partners to interact with his genitals; he usually masterbates once they've been satisfied. "That's one of the advantages of being like me. I'm not penis focussed, and that makes me a better lover than most guys." John does use dildos, which he calls "prosthetic penises," and goes out of his way to find those that best approximate the real thing.

Randy also uses dildos. "My dildo is my dick. It's not just a sex toy." Like John, Randy doesn't tell his partners until it becomes necessary. "I figure, if they're coming on to me, that's their problem. It's not my responsibility to tell them." Though he's had a couple of rejections, he usually gets a positive reaction from women. Randy has also had a few relationships with pre-operative male-to-female transsexuals, but has a problem with them because "I'm a little jealous of their dicks."

Manx was involved in a lesbian relationship prior to the change, which his partner supported and accepts. Mickey's partner also encouraged the change, but when she found herself in bed with a man, she freaked out and terminated a thirteen-year relationship that had included two children. Devastated, Mickey hasn't had sexual encounters since the break up. He is unsure what the future will bring, pointing out that he knows how to come on to a woman as a lesbian, but not as a man. "I've seen how women react to guys who come on -- like they're jerks. I don't want to be perceived that way." As a result, he says he's "paralyzed." However, he does masterbate. He notes that he used to have multiple orgasms, which stopped for awhile after he started testosterone, and now it takes much longer for him to come. But, other FTM's have said the reverse -- that they previously had trouble coming, and after hormone treatment, this changed.

Mickey did have some partnered sexual experience before the break up of his relationship, and reports that the first time he had sex after testosterone he felt her body in a new way; their differences were accentuated, "and it was magnificent." Unlike John or Randy, Mickey plans to tell potential partners the truth. "It's an awkward thing, but before I got into the position of being naked, I would tell them that I don't have what they expect." What they expect, of course, is a real cock. "I have a real cock," says Mickey, "but if you're going to be a size queen, there's nothing I can do about it."

The Future

Sex reassignment is a growing social phenomenon. Dr. Stanley Biber, who has performed over 400 FTM surgeries over the last twenty years, says that formerly there was a one-in-ten ratio of FTM's in the transsexual population, but that this is rapidly changing. The number will soon equal their male-to-female counterparts, "especially once we get the procedure perfected." Speculation is that within the next ten years this should be accomplished, despite the fact that not as much research is devoted to FTM sex reassignment as to MTF. Notes John, "There's a lot more money in that community." Additionally, John feels that surgeons are more threatened by creating penises than by castrating transsexual men, since they view the MTF's as less than men to begin with.

It seems likely that as more and more people become aware that they can change their sex, more will. After all, transsexuals of both persuasions have existed throughout history, though they may only have been able to crossdress and "pass." Instances of such people abound in all cultures, from Vita Sackville-West who traipsed around Europe in drag at the turn of the century, to American journalist Babe Bean, a.k.a. Jack Bee Garland, who is the subject of a recent book by gay, transsexual activist Lou Sullivan. More recently, jazz musician Billy Tipton was revealed upon his death to be

anatomically female. When Tipton's story hit the news, gender dysphoria programs were deluged with calls for applications from people who decided they didn't want to deliver that kind of shock to their families at death.

Despite this increasing phenomenon, very little is known about FTM's, which is hardly the case with MTF's. Christine Jorgensen and Renee Richards are practically household words. Manx attributes this invisibility to the fact that what women do isn't seen as so important, even when they're becoming men.

Like most people, I knew very little about FTM's at the start of this project. I had the preconception that they were self-hating women who mutilated their bodies in a desperate attempt to escape gender constrictions and sex role stereotyping. I never would have anticipated that in a few short weeks I'd look at the bi-gendered Manx with an exhilirating sense that I was witnessing a new phase of human evolution.

Part of my turnaround has been due to education, but most of my process has been on an experiential level. To be in Mickey's presence is to have one's assumptions and opinions about gender constantly challenged. I'll be listening to him, experiencing him wholly as a man, when I'll catch a glimpse of the woman in him. Suddenly all the tired stereotypes about gender clash against the very essence of this human being, setting off an explosion in my mind that takes minutes to recover from, and hours or days to integrate.

That's called consciousness expansion, and FTM's seem uniquely qualified to serve as catalysts for such a process. As Mickey says, "Yeah, there are some macho jerks who have gone overboard, but many of us have highly developed feminist consciousness. We came from the lesbian community, and we support lesbian and gay issues even though we identify as heterosexual men. We're a bridge. We are Shamans. We are the transformation people, the people who see both sides."

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ETVC : Premier Gender Club

by Cindy Martin & Roxanne de Lyon

A few blocks south of the Powell Street cable car turnaround is an unassuming San Francisco restaurant called the Chez Mollet. One of the city's oldest gay establishments, it's pretty much a guy place on most nights. But once a month the place takes on a distictly feminine, though not necessarily female, cast when scores of people from the transgender community come to the Chez to enjoy one of ETVC's legendary monthly parties.

ETVC prepared to take on City Hall

Walking through the front door a visitor is immediately struck by the sight and sounds of a dozen or so ladies chatting happily with friends, and by the regulars who hang out around the neatly appointed main bar. The rather large number of six-footers with deep baritones gives a pretty good clue that this is no ordinary group of beauties.

In the nearby maison de banquet, cozy groups of crossdressers and transsexuals enjoy dinner, candlelight and each other's company. There are mirrors everywhere, a happy coincidence that makes this the perfect setting for a girl to pratice strutting her stuff.

But the main event is taking place in the rear of the restaurant, which boasts a large, gaily decorated meeting room with its own private bar and patio. This is Gender Central, the main gathering place for the club, and venue for the evening's formal entertainment.

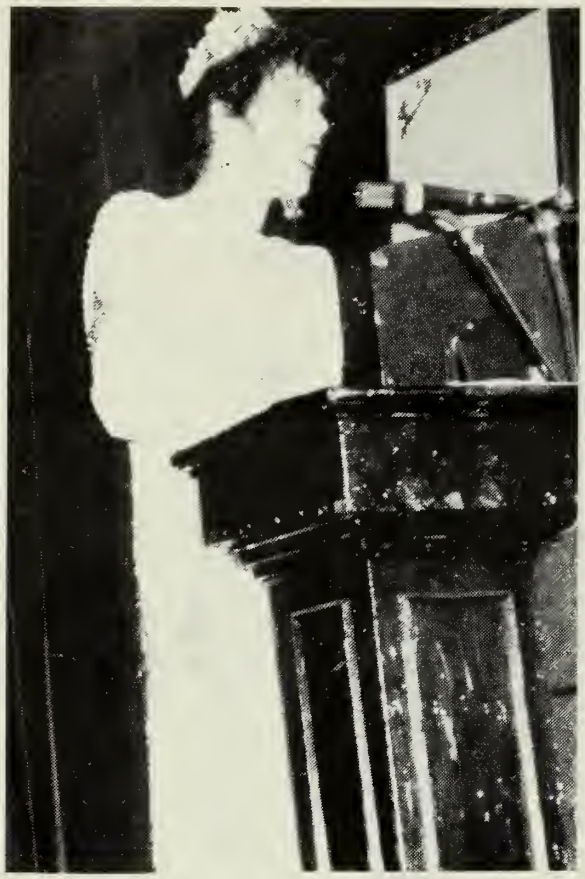
For a member fee that is usually around $3 you gain entry into an area that is wall-to-wall with a chatty, happy crowd that runs the gamut from young and old, gays, guys, and girls. Dress is eclectic, to say the least, though most of the ladies tend towards evening wear or a night-out look. Elegant, casual, foxy, business-like, and, most of all, fashionable, the variety is bewildering and delightful. As one woman put it, "I love socials because you can never be wrong about what you decide to wear." Even the help gets into the act, and if the waiters don't rise to the occasion, they often dress for it, sometimes with moustache and pink tutu, sometimes in leather. One waiter is fond of a Michigan State Police Officer's uniform, which can be quite a shock when you are lost in your worry about being caught doing something bad. Of course, here you are always treated with the utmost respect, as a lady.

"We are basically a social group of party animals."
Joan Sheldon, founding member

There is always something to do if you belong to ETVC, where socials invariably have a theme or are built around some kind of show, with modeling and fashion shows being among the more popular. Recently the club has held fundraisers for women's shelters, a dance party, and Hollywood night. Halloween is a major event with more than a hundred people typically attending, but the Monthly Socials almost always draw between fifty and eighty people.

Sometimes themes can get a little silly, like one goofy event where teams competed to make "gowns" out of bathroom tissue, yet there was plenty of laughter in the back room at the Chez that night.

A PROFUSION OF FUN: It was recognized very early on that no one event or party could meet everyone's needs, and that giving people a lot of different ways to enjoy their crossdressed life would keep interest high. Today, besides its big socials, ETVC hosts all sorts of educational and fun events each month for its nearly five hundred members. For example, during December 1991, ETVC sponsored a seminar on cosmetics with a famous theatrical makeup artist as well as the ever-popular poker social. There was a gathering of the Significant Others Support group, a party at a suburban lesbian bar, a discussion group with one of the area's leading therapists, and two open houses sponsored by clothing stores. There were also socials sponsored by our sister clubs in



Tiffany

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
Professional actor (member of Screen Actors' Guild)
Stand-up comedian (comedienne)
Female entertainer
Licensed California traffic school teacher

ACHIEVEMENTS:
Miss ETVC, 1990
People are Talking guest, San Francisco
ETVC Speakers' Bureau
Rode in and spoke at Gay Freedom Day Parade, 1990
Subject of an article in Prism magazine
Speaker at Court Conference International, 1990
Judge at Turnabout Ball, Alameda, 1990
Imperial Command Performer, Alameda, Twelfth Reign

AWARDS:
Sister Organization Award, Imperial Court of Alameda, Eleventh Reign
Special Person Award, Imperial Court of Stockton
Diamond Girl Award, Imperial Court of San Jose
Friend for Life Award, Empress Imperial Court of Alameda, Twelfth Reign

San Jose, Sacramento and Walnut Creek, along with a very special New Year's Eve bash. Though several normally scheduled events were canceled due to the holidays, a person still could have enjoyed an organized activity with other members of the community an average of three times a week.

The Cotillion: A Pageant for Beauty Queens

ETVC's most formal and largest event, the annual Cotillion, is a mid-January beauty pageant and talent show, marked by gala and glitz, that culminates with the crowning of Miss ETVC, the club's goodwill ambassador for the following year. Events such as this give the members a chance to see how far their own abilities and gender expression can be taken.

For several weeks the contestants go through the same kind of rigors a beauty queen experiences as she prepares for her debut. They develop their talent act, select a gown and sports outfit, practice production numbers with the rest of the contestants, submit to pre-show interviews with the judges and, finally, they are ready for the big night.

The backstage dressing room is full of femme paraphernalia, glamorous bodies, stylists, makeup artists, and the scent of perfume. This is a professional quality show, open to the public, where costume changes and stage appearances must go like clockwork. In recent years audiences of more than four hundred have been common. The experience is exhilirating.

Eventually the lights dim and the girls are motioned on by the director, encouraged by their support teams. They are cheered and cajoled by Miss Tommi Rose, the emcee, of San Francisco's famous Finnochio's drag club.

The follow spots narrow as each contestant is highlighted to the applause of the appreciative audience. Finally, one lucky girl is identified by placement of the jeweled tiara, to continue to live this beauty queen fantasy all year long, as Miss ETVC, the club emissary.

Direction, production, lighting and sound, costume and makeup, catering, performing, camera work, set design, ticket sales and promotion all give the paricipants the opportunity to form a foundation of real life experiences as a woman.

Miss ETVC represents the club by adorning its float in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Parade.

Even More Events

ETVC's COUPLES SOCIAL is an important and innovative function that is held at members' homes. This format allows partners to explore and share

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methods for harmonious living in full gender expression. The popular potluck is an even safer place for couples that the Monthly Social although it, as well, is open to all members and guests.

When the girls really want to get down, they meet for the monthly POKER SOCIAL, an event at a private home that could be especially popular for those who may not be ready to appear crossdressed in public at the Monthly Social.

In the last few years, twice monthly EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS have given club members a chance to hear numerous professionals on topics as varied as female comportment and speech to the latest theories on the nature and origin of transgender behavior.

Support for Wives and Significant Others

One of ETVC's founding principles was to encourage wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, lovers, family members and friends to participate in club events and activities. Recognizing that transgender behavior can be extremely stressful on the non-crossdressing partner of a relationship, Arlene Krantz suggested that the organization form a group just for wives. In order to have the privacy and confidentiality they felt was necessary, the Significant Other Support group (SOS) now operates as an independent affiliate. The metings are held monthly at members' houses where the transgendered are specifically excluded.

Diane R. recalled that she was very doubtful about the idea of her man dressing as a woman and getting together with others like himself. "What really turned me around was joining SOS. At that time it was very active. We had up to twenty people at meetings," she said. "I found that the women were just like me and some of them really had it tough. Denise's crossdressing was pretty easy to take compared with what some of them had to deal with. He didn't push it on me and didn't overdo... But anyway, there was a lot of camaraderie among us. We bitched a little, but one thing we all agreed on: we loved our men." Since then Diane has been highly active in the club, leading many social events including the last several years as the director or producer of ETVC's Crossdresser Cotillion.

A Bit of History

Crossdresser organizations are a relatively new phenomenon in the United States, but the Bay Area has been a hotbed of gender community clubs since at least the early 1970's when groups like the Golden Gate Gender Association and the FPE were active. It was out of these groups, as well as the Salmacis Society, Golden Gate Guys and Gals, and Tri-Ess that the original founding members of ETVC met each other. These clubs were highly secretive and typically met in private homes. But Joan Sheldon, who was one of the earliest members, said that she and other founders like Elfreida, Ken Pool and Diahanna Taylor decided in 1982 that they wanted a new group that would end the isolation and the secrecy.

ETVC Founders; Joan Sheldon, Ken Pool, & Elfreida

"We wanted a public venue," Joan Sheldon recalled. "You can thank Elfreida for finding the Chez Mollet, because that is what really made it take off. You could do a lot more in a public setting, especially a very safe setting, to get people out of their closets. The whole concept from the start was to try and get people in. Once they came in, we wanted to see to it that they had a happy time."

As part of this, Sheldon said a deliberate decision was made to keep business and social events separate, and to hold them on different nights. "We didn't want to put people to sleep with long business meetings."

Who Dragged in The Queen?

Largely through the efforts of long time members and partners, Ginny and Nancy Ann, ETVC maintains a strong liaison with the Gay and Drag Queen community and its expressive arms, the Court System, whose chapters elect an Emperor and Empress yearly. Miss ETVC always represents the club at their elaborate affairs, accompanied by an entourage of loyal followers. Several past Empresses of San Francisco are members of ETVC. The Gay and Lesbian communities often prove to be good leaders to follow in attaining civil rights, and this liaison with the Court System events broadens our perspective and gives our girls even more events to enjoy.

Another benefit of our strong connection to the gay community has been a permanent place for ETVC's information booth at San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day. This nationally famous event tests the mettle of the girls in public, and provides a great opportunity to attract recruits.

Spinoffs

Serving this many members and this large a geographic area, the club has become the catalyst for a number of spinoff organizations, affiliations and activities.

"We encourage people to go one step beyond where they would normally go." Nancy Ann Martine

POLITICALLY CORRECT: Cynthia Howard along with some concerned friends has formed the Gender Alternatives League (G.A.L.) to address issues of political education and legislative action. As the gender movement grows, this activity, which affects a broad spectrum of people, becomes incresingly important.

BEDROOM COMMUNITY MEETINGS: To cut the commute for some of the girls and to have yet another couple of nights out, Donna Freeman and Janet Nichols founded the Diablo Valley Girls in an area of the region called the East Bay. DVG offers hospitality twice a month at a local watering hole. ETVC also maintains close affiliation and shares members with the Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) of San Jose and the Sacramento Gender Association (SGA).

RESORT WEEKEND: Four times a year a house or two is rented at a beach or a mountain resort for a prolonged *(continued)*

A Bus Ride To Hapiness

by Tiffany

How does one go from sleeping on a bench on the sidewalk in Sacramento, California to representing one of the largest gender organizations in the country? Let's just say that I took a ride on a bus to get there (a Greyhound, to be exact). That's where I met the woman who changed my life. The one who has been with me every step of the way the past five years. Her name is Bridgette. Without her there would be no me. Sounds a little dramatic, but then, it really was.

I'll spare you the boring and typical childhood story that's familiar to all of us by now. What's more important is how I ended up sleeping on a bench in Sacramento in 1986. That was an unforgetable year: serious marital problems, six months of unemployment after being laid off from my construction job, a bad knee injury suffered in a basketball game, a bad car accident causing more knee damage,... then surgery. In the middle of it all there was almost a career in law enforcement.

I had been hired by the Sherrif's Department as a deputy before the car accident. As a result of the car accident and the surgery, I was put on medical hold. Medical benefits ran out, the knee didn't heal properly, and my understudy sheriff's job was over before it began. The problems in my marriage got worse. She had never accepted my crossdressing. At best she tolerated it, even though I had been honest with her about it from the beginning. I told her about it three years before we got married. She also had her own goals and career plans. We separated on November fourth, the night she punched me out. I had just turned twenty-three.

I stayed with a friend for a couple of weeks. I had to leave there, so I left San Francisco and headed up to Sacramento to see my mother's ex-boyfriend. I had six dollars, not enough for a ticket back. It took us awhile to connect, so I spent the first night on a park bench in forty-degree weather. I stayed with my friend for two months, then my wife said she wanted a divorce, so I caught a Greyhound back to San Francisco. I met Bridgette in line at the bus station. We rode back together.

During the next six months, I got a job, bought a car, lived in the car, lived in a garage, and slept on couches. Through all this, Bridgette and I fell in love and she helped me get myself together so we could afford an apartment together. I told Bridgette about Tiffany a week after we met. After a bottle of champagne and everything I'd been through, what did I have to lose? The following week I told her I was married. She thought

(left) Tiffany in action

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weekend of exploring femininity and camaraderie. Started and facilitated by long time member and house mother, Joan Sheldon, these events become mini-intensives where a girl can swap clothes, beauty secrets and life stories. They are never long enough, and are usually limited by the number of close shaves a girl can stand. These Pajaro Dunes and Lake Tahoe weekends often attract sisters from other parts of the country, and give us a surprise opportunity to make long distance friends.

MEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON: The male part of this unique men's group is aired at the Thursday Irregulars, a weekly luncheon at a buffet style restaurant. This type of luncheon itself has actually spun off to several locations around the area and is the one event where cross-dressing is not allowed, as members occasionally run into their boss or co-workers. To help new guests avoid joining the wrong group, the table has the sugar shaker placed on the napkin holder.

SHOP AND PARTY: Several businesses supportive of transgendered interests and lifestyles regularly offer private after-hours monthly parties in their stores, serving hors d'oeuvres and encouraging purchase of their finery.

Club Structure

It is no accident that ETVC has been able to attract people from all walks of life and sexual orientations. This is a direct result of the determination of the founders to create an open organization where no one would be denied membership.

"We have no membership requirements except everyone needs to pay dues and act sociable to others." Kim Hellman, an author of the bylaws and former president

The Educational TransVestite Channel is led by a club president, currently Martina Bloom, and operates on a committee system with the co-chairpersons of the Education, Outreach and Social committees sitting as voting members on the Executive Committee with the Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-president and President. From the very earliest days the club had education committees and outreach committees that were designed to inform members and the public, innovations that have since been copied by many other clubs.

The Education Committee is responsible for running seminars and maintaining the video and audio tape, and book and article libraries. Copies of tapes and articles are available at nominal charge, and books may be borrowed. They also maintain a tip sheet of friendly businesses.

The primary job of the Outreach Committee is to make information about ETVC and its activities available to all those with interest or need. The committee runs ads in local papers and operates the club hotline. Their Speakers Bureau makes presentations at local colleges and community organizations and occasionally gets a gig on radio, television or cable.

From its inception ETVC has produced its own newsletter. Now a sixteen-page publication, the newsletter is chock-full of information, stories and how-to articles for the crossdresser or transsexual and the people who love them, and the all-important schedule of events. Material submitted from club members and the gender community fills this newsy and opinionated forum.

"The idea was that every meeting would have something special." Ken Pool, founding member

Decorations, prizes, themes, music, entertainers, bright lights, magic and more occupy the creative talents of the Social Committee, which is responsible for running the Monthly Social.

With its many public events and outreach efforts, ETVC attempts to interface crossdressing, transsexualism and other gender-related interests with the rest of society. Attendance at the myriad of meetings and functions gradually wears away the sharp points of the gender taboo, making it an easier pill to swallow. With so many genderists, if you attend many of the functions, you begin to develop comfort with the lifestyle. Going out, night or day, eventually becomes commonplace. With your big secret so routinely out, there is scant reason to maintain little secrets about yourself. Removing this burden of secrecy and taboo brings a freedom and exhiliration to life that carries through to other relationships, both business and social. ETVC ultimately offers the person of gender a chance to proudly stand with the rest of society, while experiencing their own magnificence, and thus exemplifies the security and power in numbers.

Cheryl checks out the educational materials (Tapestry *included*) at the popular monthly photo board

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Tiffany was cool, but was very upset I hadn't told her I was married.

For the next two years she helped bring Tiffany out into the world. She never tried to change who I am, and kept encouraging me to be true to my inner feelings. By the time I found ETVC in June, 1989, we had been out everywhere together. I was already a veteran at being dressed out in public.

Being involved in ETVC has been extremely rewarding to our lives. Meeting people who share a lot of the same feelings and experiences that you have is very comforting. The friends that we have made through ETVC have become a very special part of our lives, friends we would never have met if we hadn't joined. The club brings people together in a safe and comfortable environment without any strings attached. You can put into the organization as much or as little as you want. Whether you are dressed or not, the fact that you are there is what matters. ETVC offers something to everyone in the gender spectrum regardless of what path you are following. Some people stay for years, others pass through quietly and quickly. Others put time and effort into the club, and then move on, leaving inspiration and hope behind. Whether you have been gone a month or five years, ETVC is there when you want to drop in to say hello.

I decided to compete for the Miss ETVC 1990 title because it was an opportunity to represent the organization, to thank the founding members for having the strength and the courage to start the club, and to have some fun. Winning the title was the most incredible experience I have ever had. Just being a part of the Cotillion was unbelievable, but winning the Crown was out of this world. I had come a long way since that night on the park bench.

I have been so incredibly fortunate the last couple of years in the way of opportunities to represent ETVC and the gender community. Local television, print media, photo shoots, the ETVC Speakers' Bureau that sends us out to local colleges, the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco, and the gay community.

I think it is very important, as a representative of the community, to reach out to other communities. I have become very active in the Imperial Court System, a community within the gay community. Through various fund raisers, drag shows, and auctions, the Court System raises a lot of money for many causes, both heterosexual and gay. The gender and the gay communities are constantly interacting together through the gay bars that welcome us, the drag queens, and the female impersonator shows. We are also united by the laws that discriminate against both groups. I feel strongly that the two communities should work together to support and understand each other's lifestyle. There is truth in the words, "Together we stand, divided we fall."

Bridgette and I have been welcomed with warmth and friendship. We have developed some special friendships including two that have changed our lives, Timmi Ryan and Cathy Heart. These are two veteran impersonators and entertainers known throughout California. Some people call them drag artists, we call them family. They have been mentors to me, teaching me the art of performing and entertatining, how to use what I have inside and outside of me to help our communities, and the art of wearing sequins and rhinestones.

Timmi Ryan was Empress of Alameda County when I was Miss ETVC. It was her idea to bring our two

(right) "Tiffany" & Bridgette at San Jose's 1990 Coronation

groups together, giving the ETVC girls another outlet for crossdressing. Cathy Heart used to perform professionally in San Francisco. I call Timmi Mom and Cathy Grandma. They showed me that it is not the size of the crown that is important, but what you do with it.

I believe everything in life happens for some specific reason, although we may not understand why at a particular moment. I feel certain events in our lives happen as a way of making us stop and take a look at ourselves and at our lives. It is a lot easier for us to look elsewhere for answers to our problems, when a lot of the answers are right there inside of us. We have all been in the dark at some point in our lives, whether it's about gender, marriage, sexuality, career, ... We all have a special light inside us and it's a matter of finding it. This allows us to love ourselves and each other, which enables us to enjoy our lives and pursue our goals and our dreams.

Bridgette helped me find my light, allowing me to love myself, therefore allowing me to love my neighbors and help my communities. ETVC, the Court System, Timmi Ryan, and Cathy Heart have helped me fulfill my goals and dreams by showing me how to shine my light into the world. All these resources allowed unattainable goals and dreams to become reality. Through it all, Bridgette and I are enjoying our life and having a lot of fun. The greatest part is that I am free to be me.

(above)
Doing *Stand -Up Comedy* at the 1990 Kelley Moore Awards, a fundraiser for the Imperial Court of Alameda.
(right)
Tiffany speaks to "the girls" at one of the ETVC monthly socials.

FAREWELL ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE END OF HER REIGN AT THE ETVC COTILLION, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1991.

To My ETVC Sisters, Friends and Visitors:

Welcome to Cotillion 1991 and thank you all for being here on my last night as Miss ETVC 1990/91. It truly has been an honor to represent ETVC over the last year. Please believe me when I tell you that it has been the most fascinating year of my life; one full of joyous moments, as well as sad with enough memories to last a lifetime. I thank you all for sharing them with me.

I cannot express in words how much my life has changed over the last year. I have met the most wonderful and fascinating people -- people who have touched my heart, touched my soul with their love, kindness, friendship and support. To these people I will have more time to give back to you the same love, kindness, friendship and support that you have shown me, that which you deserve.

To my sisters at ETVC and in the gender community, please know that I have tried to do my best to represent you with all of the dignity, pride, grace and class that I possess. These four qualities have carried me through sixty appearances from San Francisco State University to "People are Talking," from Redding to Fresno with stops in between in Alameda County, Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto and San Jose. The hospitality that I have received in these communities has been so heartwarming that I will be returning there for years to come.

I must admit to you that being a public figure has been as difficult as it has been fun. I have lost both friends and jobs because of who I am and what I represent. The ignorance, bigotry and hatred that I have seen is very discouraging and intimidating. Yet, it has made me work harder for you. For all that I have lost, it cannot compare to what I have gained. I would do it all over again without hesitation.

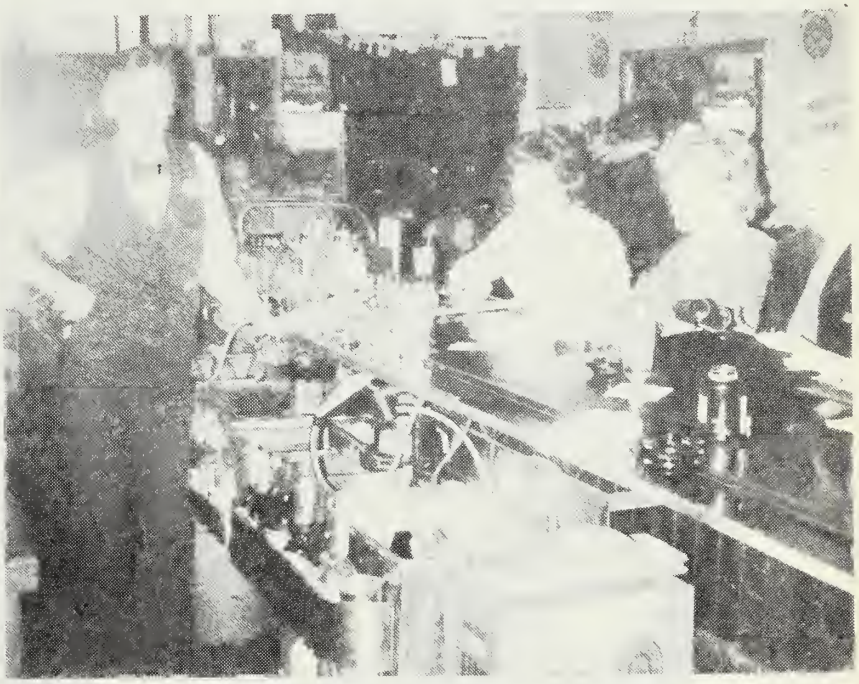
For all of you who have supported me, my efforts, my appearances and my performances, know in your hearts how much I appreciate you and thank you. For without you, we could not have achieved the work that we have done. Take comfort that I will continue to build upon our work even as I step-down tonight.

Now, I have one more favor to ask of you and everyone in attendance tonight. I want you to take a moment and look at the person sitting to your right and left. I would like you to answer five simple questions about these people: (1) What is their nationality? Are they White, Black, Hispanic, Asian? Does it matter? (2) What are they wearing? Are they attired in a dress, skirt, pants, gown, shorts? Does it matter? (3) Are they heterosexual, gay, asexual or indeterminate? Does it matter? (4) Are they female or male? Does it matter? (5) Are they human beings just like you? If you can answer yes to this last question, then the future does look brighter for all of us.

With love,

Tiffany

Welcome to Chez Mollet



(*above left*) Susanne in front of ETVC's clubhouse, "the Chez"
(*above right*) The public bar in the front. There is also a private back room for those less *public*
(*below*) Monica with The Photo Board, a feature at the club's monthly socials

(*left*) The "Wreckettes" get their kicks at the monthly social
(middle) The Back Room is a good place for an occasional clothing swap
(*below*) At ETVC, Halloween brings out the strangeness in folks

The Back Room at The Chez

ETVC On The March

(*above*) Honor Guard & car with Miss ETVC (Tiffany) in Gay Freedom Day Parade.
(*below*) Miss ETVC with her Honor Guard

Spreading The Word

(*right*) Sheila "man"-ning the ETVC Information Booth
(*center*) The booth at the San Fran Gay Freedom Parade
(*below*) Ginny, working hard to sign up new members

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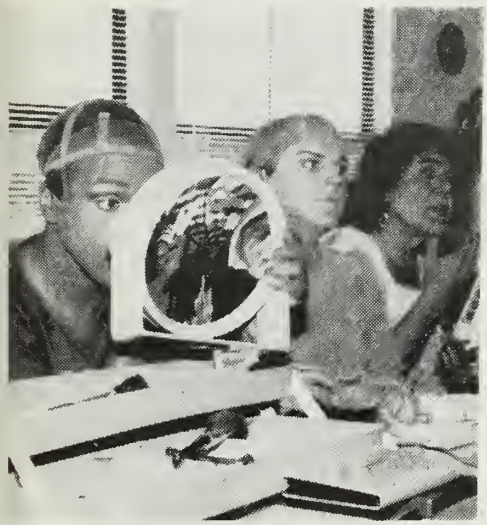
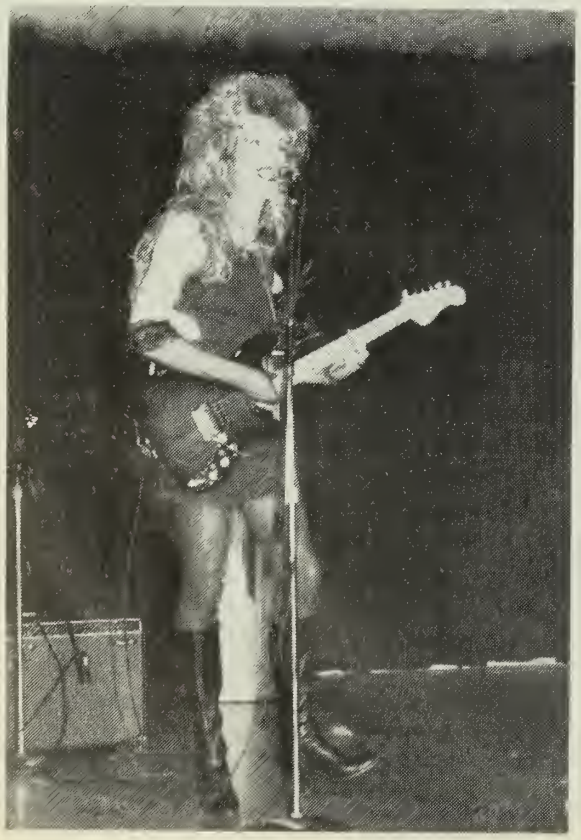


(*above left*) An education panel of gender people; Cheryl, Roxanne, Lou, Kimberly, Lily, Joanna, Dianhanna & Tina
(*center*) Herman shares his professional makeup secrets
(*below left*) ETVC members in a "Walk Like A Woman" modeling class.

Girls Nite Out

(*above*) The Dynamic M.C. of The Cotillion, "Joe" (Diannah)
(*above right*) The Fabulous Tommi Rose
(*below left*) Lauren singing "TV Time"
(*below right*) Tiffany performing "If My Friends Could See Me Now"



The Cotillion!

(*top*) '91 Cotillion Contestant Lineup
(*middle*) Miss ETVC Finalists; Lauren, Teri, Jennifer, Cecilie & Shaunna
(*bottom*) "Ring Out The Old, Ring In The New!"
1990 Miss ETVC, Tiffany, crowning Cecilie., 1991 Miss ETVC

CLOSETS

by S.E. Toon

In the middle of another day at the endlessly frantic offices of the **Tapestry**, the question was raised: What topic would you like to see in an article? A dramatic pause for thought, or incomprehension followed. Then the word: Closets. I retorted with an even longer silence.

Impressions rushed through my brain. Making, breaking down, coming out of, rushing back into . . . closets.

Webster's defines a closet as a small room for privacy, an official's private chamber for counsel or devotions, or a recess for clothing. Even more elusive is the use of the word as an adjective: closely private, or working in or suited to the closet as the place of seclusion. As a verb, you can't get much more foreboding: to shut up in. Roget's Thesaurus links the word closet with cystic, isolation, desolation, and loneliness. Not the words you might use to describe a soul at peace, are they?

Let's see . . . Building closets? Most of the people I know already have closets of one kind or another. Regular readers of this publication have probably had it up to their wigs with "How-to" pieces.

Breaking down closets? Not a very productive activity if it is in the form of a purge. The boarding up and emptying out of a closet and its contents will clear life of nothing but greenbacks. Why, you ask? The physical closet can be bought and sold, but the spiritual closet remains. If anything, it is newly fortified for its continued habitation.

Coming out of the closet? A familiar phrase among the ignorant. "Didya hear 'bout Frankie? He 'came out of the closet he did." The negative echoes of this statement provide the closet with newer, safer locks. Even those of us who are out with a totemic Post Office box, you know, the anonymous tenant of Motel Room 5E, the lost vacationer on a mythical "fishing trip," you know who, the surroundings are all oddly familiar. Can it be that this elusive beast called the closet is amorphous, changing its shape and proportion according to our actions? Getting warmer!

Rushing back into . . . To quote Buckaroo Banzai, "No matter where you go, there you are." Whether you are one-on-one with a small cubicle and a mirror, or have graduated to support groups and "selected discreet" public outings, you are still "in the closet." The same charge of excitement and fear of discovery are hiding behind each corner. Every waking hour, dressed or not, the closet stalks you, dogging your every step.

The true closet is not the home of your clandestine wardrobe. Nor is it the secret times and secret places you go to do secret things. It lurks within, solitary confinement for the soul, incarcerating it against your own will. The acceptance of your spirit with all its feminine and masculine attributes intact is the only key to the door to freedom. This acceptance will foster a small wedge of self-respect to keep the door open. In time, dignity will blossom within, filling the space with a validated purpose that will outgrow the confines of the closet, breaking down its very walls.

How? The answer is in you. Try to remove the gender labels. Have a one-on-one with you. Jockey the balance to and fro to find the point of integration. There is no reason to put extra heaviness on your positive life choices merely because you are a bit more remarkable than most of those around you. Cherish all that you are, no labels. No black-and-white definitions. "Loving, supportive spouse, public service, . . . expressing femme self, . . . interested in . . . want to . . . " Whatever. Find it! Define it! Be it! Celebrate all that you are!

Back to the physical world . . . we were talking about closets, right? Nothing wrong with external ones. I know many who have maintained a "healthy" life at home, and within themselves, allowing their gender expression to dwell solely in their determined closets. Others have struck the balance in a more public manner, while retaining social and sexual orientations of choice. Still others have chosen to traverse the gender plane completely, mentally and/or physically. What is so beautiful about the gender community is that there are so many manifestations of expression to witness, and . . . each and every one of them could be entirely correct, and positive, if only the soul-cage were removed.

A free spirit has no bounds.

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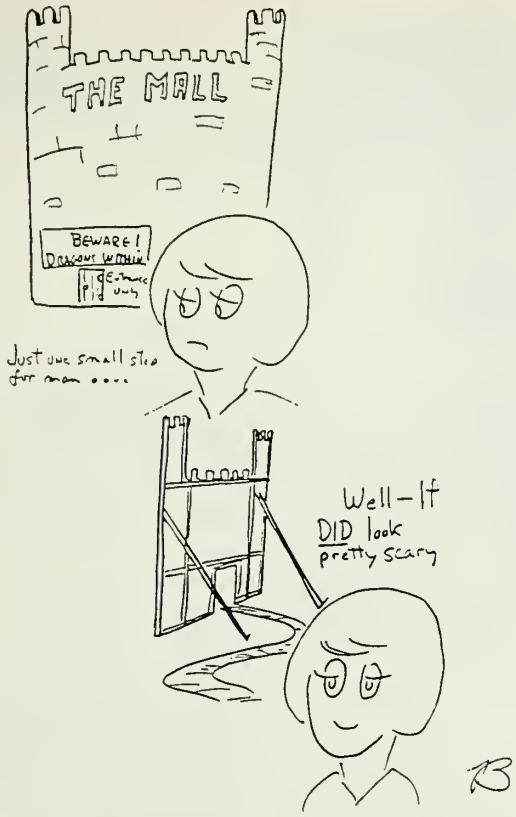

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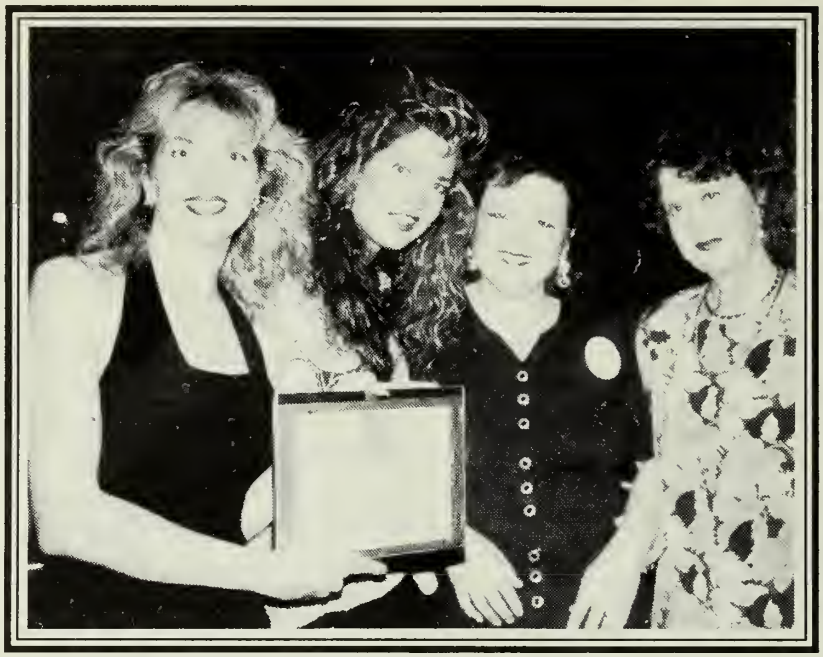

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(*left to right*)AEGIS Deputy Director Margaux Ayn Schaffer, Caroline Cossey (Tula), AEGIS Executive Director Dallas Denny, & Doreen Cossey (Caroline's mother.)

A Review of My Story by Caroline Cossey

By Dallas Denny, Executive Director AEGIS

We all know who Caroline Cossey is, of course-- although some of us do not recognize her actual name. She is better known as Tula, a name which she took on early in her modeling career. Most of us have seen her in ads at some point or other during the last 15 years, not realizing who she was. Many of us met her (briefly) in the James Bond film, "For Your Eyes Only." And many of us saw her in her lovely altogether in the September issue of **Playboy** magazine, or on television in her recent spate of appearances on talk shows.

Caroline Cossey, then, was and is an international model. Her significance for these pages, however, is that she was once a boy named Barry Cossey.

The fact of Caroline's gender reassignment was something she quite effectively put behind her, but, alas, her anonymity was not meant to last. A photographer who had known her briefly in the early days, when she was a showgirl, tipped off the British tabloids, and "News of the World," that bastion of proper journalism, broke the story with the headline "James Bond Girl Was a Boy;" she was publicly exposed. Being "outed" had a major effect on her life, negatively impacting her modeling career, and eventually destroying her marriage.

So that she could tell her side of the story, Caroline rushed a book, Tula: I Am a Woman, in production. Now she has written another, My Story, in which she more fully details her life to date.

Caroline is a good writer. She grabs the reader's interest as she tells of her years as "Cissy Cossey," a feminine little boy in the rural English village of Brooke, and holds attention as she describes her eventual escape to London, her life as a showgirl and model, her gender reassignment, and her involvement with the two main men in her life, Glauco Lasinio, an Italian Count, and magnate Elias Fattal, the man who became her husband. She reports the events of her life in a straightforward manner, and matter-of-factly tells us how she felt in each situation. She moves the story on at just the right pace, ending with an account of the legal struggles to have

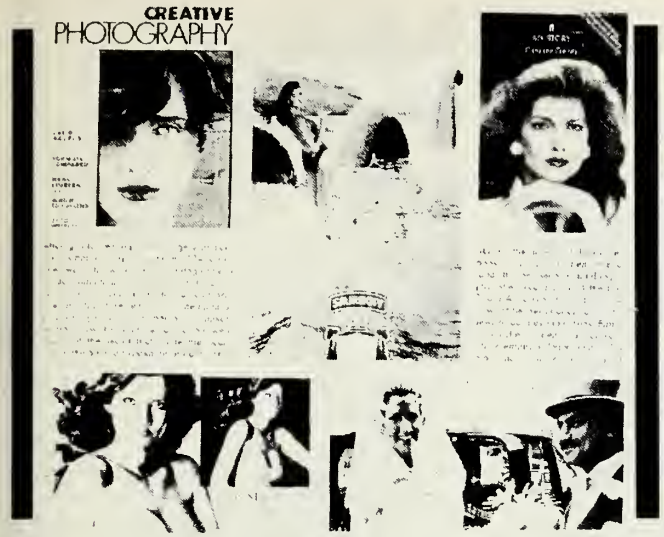
AEGIS AND FRIENDS WELCOME TULA TO ATLANTA

More than sixty persons were in attendance for a private party held on Sunday, 27 October by **AEGIS** for internationally famous model Caroline Cossey (Tula) at Petrus, an Atlanta nightspot. **AEGIS** Executive Director Dallas Denny and Deputy Director/Spokesperson Margaux Ayn Schaffer presented Ms. Cossey with a framed certificate thanking her for her efforts on behalf of transgendered people and welcoming her to the forming **AEGIS** Advisory Board.

Ms. Schaffer said, "It is gratifying to see such a spectrum come together for a common cause: heterosexuals, gay males, lesbians, bisexuals, straight crossdressers, gay crossdressers, female impersonators, transgenderists, and both female-to-male and male-to-female transsexual people.

"We believe that Ms. Cossey will continue to be a magnet to draw together the different segments of our diverse community. We are proud to appoint her to our Advisory Board."

Ms. Denny said, "We would like to thank Cindy St. Holmes of Petrus for allowing us free use of the V.I.P. Room with an open wine bar, and the local gay press for covering the event."



herself officially declared a woman-- for, you see, under British law, transsexual people retain the sex assigned to them at birth.

Caroline wisely avoids the self-pity that pervades so many autobiographies of transsexual people. Great unhappiness is apparent, but much of it lies between the lines. Apparent, too, are Caroline's deep feelings for Fattal, a man who, it must be said, ran home to mummy when he was in his 40s.

I recommend My Story to anyone who is transgendered, and especially for the families of transgendered people, for it is the story of a young boy who dealt head-on with his gender dysphoria, and a woman who has dealt maturely with the negative impact her gender reassignment has had on her life, and who has become somewhat of a crusader on behalf of all transsexual people. When the U.S. version appears, I plan to send a copy to my parents, from whom I am estranged because of my own gender reassignment. Perhaps they will take a lesson from the members of Caroline's family, who have supported her strongly through the years.

My Story is published by Faber & Faber of London, which has a subsidiary in Boston. It is not yet widely available in the U.S., but should be shortly, for Caroline is negotiating with at least three publishers. (By the way, I would like to thank Margaux Schaffer for being good enough to lend me her copy for this review).

Caroline is to be commended for her refusal to "kiss and tell," as several British publishers wanted her to. When the U.S. edition appears, it will contain new chapters, describing her re-emergence as a media figure and celebrity, her recent appearances on television, and the Great Atlanta Debacle, in which Mayor Maynard Jackson made a public statement condemning, purely on the basis of her transsexuality, his having awarded her honorary citizenship.

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TRANSGENDER RESEARCH PROJECT

The **Boulton and Park Society**, of San Antonio, Texas is sponsoring a research project on transgender behavior. The project is intended to cover all variations of this behavior from fetishist to transsexual, and is one of the few projects ever attempted which is designed specifically for individuals with gender role or identity transpositions. Most other research about this area of human behavior is limited to "standard" personality profiles and does not focus on specific thought processes of gender transpositions. As such, this project is expected to provide the gender community, helping professionals, and the general public with additional information in the form of a statistical and factual sampling of the transgendered community. Many of the areas addressed in this project have been the subject of speculation, but never factually supported.

Distribution of the project surveys began at the end of September, 1991. The project goal for survey response is at least 1000 usable, with a minimum of 500 usable respomses for statistical validity. If the response goal is achieved, it will constitute the largest ever survey response in the gender community. As of the beginning of November, 1991, usable responses received was 10% of the goal. The survey has world-wide distribution. Boulton and Park Society expects the survey period to be concluded in the spring or early summer of 1992. Individuals and support groups throughout the United States and all over the world are helping with survey reproduction and distribution.

Following conclusion of the survey phase, the data will be entered in a computer-based statistical analysis program. Results will be interpreted by professional analysts and researchers. After analysis, a formal research paper will be completed. The draft will be coordinated with major community organizations and selected professionals for comment. The final paper will be published in a professional psychology or psychiatric journal and also filed with the American Psychiatric Association, the agency responsible for publication of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). The DSM is used as the informational basis for professional treatment of problems associated with gender transpositions. The World Health Organization also uses the DSM as a basis for world-wide treatment information and recomendations.

Although the research project is sponsored by a gender community support group, the research is being done with association of a nationally recognized psychiatrist with experience in transgender behavior, and a member of the American Psychiatric Association. Other prime participants include professional researchers, analysts, and educators; some with gender transpositions themsleves. The research team is so comprised to ensure that personal biases are not injected into the study.

Members of the gender community who wish to participate in the survey may obtain a copy by writing to Boulton and Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042. Many support groups also have copies of the survey available to their members. We believe that this is a crucial and important research project. Knowledge of transgender behavior is important if the community as a whole expects to be incorporated into the mainstream of society without prejudice. Please do your part to help yourself by helping the gender community; participate in this project!

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TRANSVESTITE, TRANSSEXUAL VETERANS RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL REGISTRY

Veterans' Day this year was quite different for transvestites and transsexuals who had served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. On Nov 11, Renaissance officially began to record the histories of transgendered veterans and servicemembers.

The National Registry of Transgendered Veterans/Transgendered Servicemembers (NRTV/TS) is a growing list of transgendered people who have served honorably in the armed forces. Many of the people now listed achieved senior enlisted or officer rank, received the military's highest decorations, and saw action in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. Because many individuals must still keep their transgendered status secret, all are listed on the Registry under their femme names. The names included so far range from Christine Jorgensen (an Army vet) and Renee Richards (a Navy doctor) to rank and file Renaissance members.

The debut of the Registry was covered by Philadelphia radio and television stations, and reported in the local gay press.

Despite the military's refusal to accept transgendered military personnel, the Registry will serve as an "honor roll" for all veterans who served in the armed forces with a "secret identity."

In addition to listing the femme names of transgendered veterans, the Registry also lists their branch of service, the years served, highest rank achieved, medals and awards, notable action, and special assignments. The information on the Registry is neither tracable to service records nor divulges the veteran's identity.

To become part of the Registry, send information to the Renaissance national office. The Registry is open to active duty military personnel as well.

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Danielle Wedgeworth

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The reason our focus is on the medical/psychological aspects of gender dysphoria is important. We want to achieve a community standing in Dallas and in the nation that will enable us to enlighten the general public about gender issues. This will make it easier for our patients to receive insurance support and community understanding about their plight. Although research and public awareness will be an important part of our effort, we feel it also important to provide peripheral services, support and referrals for all people regardless of where on the path they may be. Many of these services may already be in place as a part of existing organizations. Our goal is not to reinvent the wheel, but to provide infrastructure that makes these services known and available to anyone who may need them. In addition to what is now available, the clinic will have a staff that is made up of professionals from all the areas typically needed by people in transition. By having people and information centralized in one place, a much simpler transition will be possible. A lot goes into making a gender transition. From counseling and speech work to the many surgeries that may be necessary, the road tends to be quite long and arduous. As of January 1992 that road, though long, will be smoother, with fewer detours.

As with any new venture, there are numerous tasks to be completed in order to accomplish our goal. The most important need is for support from the gender community. We want to concentrate our efforts on the community's needs. Let us know what you need: information on the effects of hormones, support from a friend, information on insurance, or other problems associated with gender transformation.

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NEW WOMAN'S CONFERENCE (NWC) GETS IFGE SPONSORSHIP

Waltham, MA 1/15/92

The members of the New Woman's Conference Steering Committee are pleased to announce a lnkage between the NWC and the IFGE. IFGE has agreed to provide financial and logistical support to the annual conference.

"In the area of gender dysphoria," states Nancy Ledins, a member of the NWC Steering Committee, "there is a clear and unambiguous 'rite of passage' which separates the seeker from the 'changed.' This rite of passage in M-F and F-M genderal/sexual change is achieved with the sexual reassignment surgery (SRS). Based on currently accepted Standards of Care (in conjunction with the DSM IIIR and medical practice), the SRS point of reference provides the 'new woman' or the 'new man' with a definable life embarkation point.

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Merissa Lynn, Executive Director of the IFGE states, "It was my honor to attend the first NWC. This extraordinary event was of immeasurable benefit to the participants and to me, personally. It is exactly the kind of event I wish were available for all segments of our community."

TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY

by Cathy

There's trouble brewing in Cincinatti of the type I liked to think, "Couldn't Happen Here." In the first case, Heather told me about a front-page article in the Cincinatti Enquirer which had been written about someone from Cross-Port. Doing some research turned up an article in the August 26th Enquirer about Bonnie Davis, one of our members. The article was written by Mark Siebert.

Having met Bonnie, since she has been to several meetings, she has always struck me as being a rather quiet and shy type. She is transsexual, and is pretty up-front about it when asked - either by members of Cross-Port, or by mainstream society. It turns out, however, that the Deer Park neighborhood where she has lived for the last twenty-one years contains an element which is offended by her being in transition and eventually going for SRS.

Bonnie's home has been hit with garbage and pelted with rocks. Her car doors have been kicked in. People make obscene phone calls and pound on her doors at all hours of the night, and her life has been threatened at least four times. She says that she does not want to move, but she has recently put her house up for sale.

How are the police dealing with this? To quote the article,

Deer Park Police Chief Donald Lally knows that Davis has been harassed - mostly by juveniles - and says he is doing what he can. But Lally says that Davis has aggravated the problem by being vocal and visible, including wearing a bikini in his back yard.

"He's causing a lot of controversy," said Lally, who has been Police Chief in this community of 6,181 for ten years. "He has become an attraction, which I think in a way is what he wants."

Bonnie has filed several criminal complaints, including assault, aggravated menacing and disorderly conduct against her tormentors. Cincinatti Bell has also traced some of the harassing phone calls made to Bonnie's home which may result in more charges being filed. She has also made a recent appearance on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show concerning what has been happening in her life. As Sally likes to present opposing viewpoints, another guest was what has been described as "a real gay basher." Those who saw the show said that he managed to raise more sympathy for Bonnie's plight than anyone else could have.

In an unrelated incident, Heather informed me that she had been contacted by the therapist for another TS in Cincinatti. This girl has apparently been getting harassing phone calls as well. When she complained to the police, the officer who took her statement allegedly made the comment, "You look like you're big enough to take care of yourself."

Suffice it to say that her apartment was later broken into, ransacked, and set on fire. No other information is currently available.

(The above article was edited from Cross-Port InnerView, P O Box 12701, Cincinatti OH 45212.)

SAFEWAY - DEFENDS RIGHTS FOR TRANSSEXUALS

Is transition possible in this world of discrimination against transsexuals? We hear more and more how this TS or that TG got discriminated against and lost a job. Are there any good guys out there with white hats? YES! Terri Lee has found one such company (and their union), that is wearing their white hat to protect the rights of our minority. They put their money where their mouth is.

Safeway Stores, along with their labor union, has the policy to allow transition on the job without harassment, and even with protection from harassment. Terri Lee was considering making the transition. As she had been on the job for many years, she wanted to maintain her position with the company. She felt that the logical step was to talk to her union to see if they would back her when she was ready. She was somewhat surprised to find that they would, indeed, back her so she could keep her job. The next step was to ask her employer how they felt about the whole thing. The management of the Safeway Stores said, "...certainly she could stay, and she could either continue to work at the same store or change stores if she wanted."

But, she had not started her full transition. Safeway Stores had not had time to react to Terry as "Terri," so things seemed somewhat up in the air until a customer walked into the store and noticed that Terry had longer than normal fingernails for a man, was wearing feminine jewelry and women's glasses. After complaining to management about their allowing gays to work at the store and getting little response to his bigoted efforts, he called the local newspaper. They printed a short but concise article about the man who wore feminine articles while at work. This bigot, of course, thought this was terrible and that gays should not be allowed to hold jobs, etc.

Once Safeway found out about the article and what was going on with this guy, they decided to take their own action. First they decided if he persisited they would back Terri Lee. Then they decided that Terri Lee could sue him with their support as well. Nothing more has come out of this whole situation. All is quiet in this sleepy little town in California. Terri held her own and did not run in fright and Safeway showed great promise as a supporter of Human Rights for all minorities.

In the tradition of activism we encourage you to support those that support you. Safeway is to be commended for their valiant defense of Terri Lee and their stores should be supported by our minority. A letter of commendation

should be sent to:

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PINK FLAMINGOS - PICKET FASHION SCHOOL

Gaylene Harrington, the Founder of the Pink Flamingos of Boston, Mass., and designated GAL Advisory Council member for this group gave us a call recently and told us her story of discrimination. Boston has a number of things going for it, and among them is their Civil Rights Act for the gay and lesbian community. This democratic haven would seem to be liberal in their thinking. Not so, according to Gaylene, who was recently terminated from her modeling job at a fashion show at the School of Fashion Design. Gaylene, a pre-op TS was modeling for a designer who was well aware that she was a TS, and had no problems with her situation. He had a large number of gowns designed to fit her ready to show when the producer decided that he didn't want a "person like her" modeling at his school. "This surprised me," said Gaylene, "since most of the the people at the fashion school are gay and there are laws against discrimination in Boston. I think they fired me because they thought I was gay."

The next day, Gaylene told us, she and some of the girls from the Pink Flamingos in Boston decided to picket the School of Fashion Design to make their point. Apparently it was a point well taken, because they got a considerable amount of support from local people who said they were glad to see that they were standing up for their rights. Her attorney told her that once they determined the approximate loss of income from sales because there was no model, he would file a law suit against the school. To support Gaylene and all members of the gender community, it would help if we each wrote a letter to the school showing our disapproval of discrimination against members of our minority. If you wish to participate, write to:

President
School of Fashion Design, 136 Newbury Street, Boston MA 02116
If you wish, send a copy of this article.

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TURKEY: THE CASE OF RAMAZAN (DEMET) DEMIR

30 September 1991

Although homosexuality is not proscribed by Turkish law, gay rights activists have been subjected to harassment, intimidation and ill-treatment. In recent years homosexuals and transvestites, in particular in Istanbul, have begun to address these problems publicly. Some have spoken nationally and internationally on behalf of those marginalized in Turkish society. Transvestites in Istanbul are concentrated in Cihangir, a part of Beyoglu district, and have frequently complained about harassment by the police.

On the night of 10 August 1991, the houses of several transvestites in Istanbul were raided by local police. Six were detained, including Ramazan (Demet) Demir.

Ramazan (Demet) Demir, a member of the Istanbul Human Rights Association and a gay rights activist, was released without charge on 16 August. He then called a press conference in which he alleged that he had been severely beaten with a length of rubber-covered steel hose by the Chief of Police at Beyoglu Police Station. On the day of his release Ramazan (Demet) Demir had obtained a medical report from the Forensic Medical Institute certifying that he had injuries consistent with his allegations and indicating that he would be unfit for work for five days. There have been several reports this year of similar beatings inflicted by the Chief of Police at Beyoglu Police Station who is said to have vowed that he will clear the neighborhood of transvestites.

On 20 August, Ramazan (Demet) Demir was once again taken into police custody. According to his account, he asked the police officers why they were detaining him. They said that it was because he was a homosexual. He protested saying that the law does not prohibit homosexuality. The police officers asked him which law he was referring to. Ramazan Demir replied that he meant the law introduced by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. On 21 August, he was charged under Law 5816 with insulting the memory of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and was formally arrested. He is now held in Sagmalcilar Prison. His trial before Beyoglu Fifth Criminal Court began on 5 September and is due to continue on 17 October.

Ramazan (Demet) Demir neither used nor advocated violence and is, therefore, considered to be a prisoner of conscience. Amnesty International is appealing for his immediate and unconditional release. The organization urges that a full, independent and impartial investigation into his allegations of ill-treatment in Beyoglu Police Headquarters be carried out and any person responsible for it be brought to justice.

Amnesty International, International Secretariat
1 Easton Street
London WC1X 8DJ United Kingdom

Newsletter from Phi Pi Epsilon - FPE Northern Europe

This is the first of a planned series of newsletters in English aimed at our sister organizations around the world. The growing wish and interest for contact and travel across the shrinking borders has spurred the FPE-NE Executive Board to launch this effort.

The newsletter will be sent free of charge to interested organizations, and its content is free for use in any non-commercial publication within the gender community if source credit is given. We encourage you to relay clippings and information to your members in the interest of world wide friendship and mutual benefit. We will try to do our part.

We also welcome any feedback, suggestions, questions and criticisms for future newsletters. I will channel information sent to me to FPE members. If you can include me in your mailing list, I would be grateful. Please tell us what address we should our newsletter to for your organization.

My best wishes to you all,

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DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

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(Organizations and services are sorted according to category and zip code within each category)

(For insertions, corrections, and deletions: IFGE Directory, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778)
(New organizations, services, and individuals interested in forming new groups are welcome.)

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

PUERTO RICO

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUERTO RICO SISTERS: Foundation for the Advencement of Puerto Rico Sisters, Calle 2 #288, Forest Hills, Bayamon PR 00959.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets on the third Friday of each month at 6:00pm. Meeting consists of one hour topic discussion and group public activity.

Security: Write for member application and information.

MASSACHUSETTS

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778, (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: I.F.G.E. is a non-profit educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community.

Services: I.F.G.E. publishes the TV-TS Tapestry Journal and other publications relevant to the TV/TS theme. We sponsor an annual international convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in center" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERCICES.

IFGE CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVES: Congress of Representatives, P.O. Box 367, Wayland MA 01778 (617) 894-8340

Nature: The Congress of Representatives is a group of individuals selected by independent non-profit organizations, services, and chapters to represent the special interests of their organizations. Also, the representatives serve as the communications conduit between their organizations, the IFGE national headquarters, the IFGE Board of Directors, the IFGE national committees, and other organizations.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.: TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888. (508) 358-2305.

Nature: Tiffany is a non-profit social and educational organization for crossdressers of all kinds desiring to explore and develop their total personality for the attainment of a peace of mind not otherwise possible. Tiffany provides support programs for the individual member, for their family, and for friends.

Services: Tiffany services and activities include publishing the Rosebuds newsletter, operating a safe-house, and organizing "get-togethers," workshops, seminars, and beauty courses. Tiffany sponsors a formal Wives and Significant Others support group, a TS support group, parties, nights on the town, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings.

Security: Tiffany welcomes responsible persons who will exercise good manners and use common sense. Attendees must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP: WSG, c/o TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888, (508) 358-2305. Toini McDonald, Director

Nature: Affiliated with the Tiffany Club. For those in a committed relationship with members in good standing at the Tiffany Club.

Services: Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, outings, and other events.

Security: See 'Tiffany Club.'

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION for GENDER ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES (NOGAL)

Nature: Support for all parts of the gender community. Group just forming, with thoughts of providing advocacy and social support, employment referral, crisis hotline, legal/medical referral . . .

Services: Meets on the third Sunday of each month at the Gay and Lesbian Center in Boston, 338 Newbury Street, at 4:00 pm. 617-247-2927 or 617-323-8856.

PINK FLAMINGOES: c/o the Gay and Lesbian Center, 338 Newury St., Boston MA (617) 536-5639.

Nature: Support and referral group for crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals.

Services: Meets every Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the Gay and Lesbian Center, 338 Newbury Street, Boston MA.

Screening: None.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE ADAM SOCIETY: The Adam Society, c/o Dan Riley, 6 Cushing St., 2nd Fl., Waltham MA 02154

Nature: A non-profit support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings. Publishes Adam's Word.

Security: Inquire

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D., See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

RHODE ISLAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D., See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERCICES.

MAINE

TRANSSUPPORT: TransSupport, Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their families, and friends.

Services: Monthly meetings. Inquire for time and place. Publishes Trans-Talk newsletter.

Security: Inquire

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka Outreach Institute: HOAC, 405 Western avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. Ariadne Kane, Director, 207-775-0858.

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit educational corporation. Outreach works primarily with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance and Counselling, Therapy, Medicine, Law and Law Enforcement, Nursing, and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include the Gender Awareness and Involvement

Network (GAIN); New Visions of Gender Conferences for health care professionals; Fantasia Fair, a live-in exploration of alternative lifestyle roles; Hopeful Seminars for couples to work together; and a Speakers' Bureau.

Publications: Quarterly Journal of Gender Studies for professionals, quarterly Our Sorority about contact groups and their programs. Information packets and an annotated book catalogue are also available.

Security: Outreach Institute's programs are sophisticated and strictly non-sexual. All participants in any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

VERMONT

CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY: COS, P.O. Box 163, Farmington CT 06034

Nature: Non-profit and non-sexual but respectful of its members' sexual preferences. Its objectives are to promote and propagate the friendship of the TV/TS community through education, support, and understanding of its members and their families.

Service: Prompt response to all communications, informative monthly newsletter Connecticut View, Wives Support Group, rap sessions, parties at various locations. Wig, makeup, clothing, and demeanor assistance available. Costs shared by participants.

Security: None. House parties on an invitational basis, bar parties open. All members are required to be discreet and tolerant of each other. Common sense and courtesy prevail.

GENDER ISENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB: The XX Club, Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.

Nature: The XX Club is the non-profit and non-sexual transsexual peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends and relatives are welcome.

Services: A newsletter, XX, is published monthly. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off Main Street, opposite G. Fox & Company). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter.

Security: Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: P.O. Box 4002, Wallingford CT 06492 (203) 237-1968 (ask for Harriet Lane or Joanie Lassin).

Nature: Home parties for open-minded TVs, TGs, TSs, and their spouse or friends.

Services: Meetings 2nd & 4th Saturday each month. Membership $100.00 per year. Key members $250.00 (store clothes & have key between 9 a.m. - 11 pm). Information on TV activities. Newsletter.

Security: All members must dress at the clubhouse. Dressing room provided. Discretion required. Contact Harriet or Joanie for phone interview & personal meeting.

NEW JERSEY

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER: Northern New Jersey Chapter, c/o Ms. Kimberly S. Grant, 7 Mill Road, Irvington, NJ 07111.

Nature: Transsexual support group.

Services: Meetings.

Security: Inquire.

F_2M: F2M, c/o S.G., P O Box 615, Tenafly, NJ 07670.

Nature: A non-profit social and support organization created by and for female-to-male transsexuals and crossdressers. "Knowledge is the key to the door of gender-reassignment. Up-to-date information is essential."

Services: Social events in the New York area, confidential contacts, a comprehensive resource directory, and a newsletter. Compiling information necessary to the F-M transition into a central database. F_2M actively solicits correspondence: questions, concerns, and all items of F-M TS information are requested.

Security: We believe that confidentiality, and often anonymity are critical issues for TSs on our mailing list. All correspondence is considered confidential.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960; 201-663-0772.

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual.

Services: Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank now handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well.

Security: Interview required.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

RENAISSANCE - SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER: Renaissance South Jersey, P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. 609 641 3782. Kelly Harris, chapter leader.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social and support organization serving the gender community.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.

Security: Inquire.

TRANSFORMATIONS NEWSLETTER: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.

Security: Inquire.

MONMOUTH OCEAN TRANS GENDER: MOTG, P O Box 1326, Brick NJ 08723.

Nature: Affiliated with Renaissance in Pennsylvania. See their description.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: NYCGA, c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W 31st St, #7R, New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm). Muriel Olive, Director.

Nature: Non-profit social organization for members and friends of the TV/TS community.

GENDER IDENTITY PROGRAM: Gender Identity Program, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10014, 212-969-0888 (answering service).

Nature: Support and counseling service for gender dysphoric individuals.

Services: Peer-to-peer counseling and facilitated open discussion for all transsexuals at the Lesbiasn and Gay Center.

METAMORPHOSIS: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS (STA): STA, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th St., New York NY 10014, answering service 212-969-0888.

Nature: A twelve-step recovery program for all gender-conflicted individuals modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous.

Services: Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays at the above address. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

Security: We use AA's tradition of anonymity.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

Security: Call or write for more information.

THE GATHERING: The Gathering, P O Box 29, New York NY 10021-0030.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual support group serving primary and secondary transsexuals and other gender dysphoric persons. **Services**: Meetings the 1st Saturday of every month (meeting sites vary; inquire first). Presents programs, information, guest speakers, referrals, peer counseling, a newsletter. Dues are $35.00 per year. A subscription to the newsletter PASSAGES is $25.00 for 12 issues. Members receive the newsletter without charge.

Security: Participation is open to all potential M-F and F-M pre- and post-operative transsexuals, friends, and relatives. Inquiry required.

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Rapids Station, NYC NY 10163, 212-477-6588.

Nature: For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type.

Service: Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times and locations.

CHI DELTA MU OF TRI-ESS: Chi Delta Mu, P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475. Hot Line (201) 663-0772.

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self.'

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence over five years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT: G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortume, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. Hotline: 201-794-1665 ext 202.

Nature: An open social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings are held. Publishes monthly newsletter, Lipstick and Lace.

Security: Inquire.

LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION (LIFE): LIFE, c/o Vickie Stone, P O Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: Publishes the newsletter, Lifelines. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB (TGIC): TGIC, Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604, 518-436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).

Nature: Non-sexual group offering support to crossdressers, transsexuals, mates, and families.

Services: Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, bi-monthly newsletter, shopping guide, key club, and storage.

Security: We have a screening process to ensure the comfort and safety of all. You may feel sure of anonymity and our discretion.

TRANSGENDER NETWORK: Transgender Network, P.O. Box 177, Tillson NY 12486-0177.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, and SOs. Clergy and professionals are also welcome.

Services: Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral service.

Security: All inquiries are made through our P.O. Box. Names, addresses and phone numbers of each member are held in strict confidence. Anonymity and discretion are required to ensure privacy to all.

ANDROGENY UNLIMITED: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHO-

LOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

EON (Expressing Our Nature): EON, 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13804-3226.

Nature: EON is a non-profit, non-sexual social and educational peer support group. It is comprised mainly of committed couples, one of which is a cross-dresser.

Services: We have social get-togethers in a pleasant atmosphere at the home of one of our members. We also have non-dress discussion groups for our couples and friends. We have several shops available which cater to our members. We also have a very active wives support group.

Security: EON requires a screening by a member of their screening committee prior to invitation as a guest. If you would like to become a guest, please write.

CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO: Vern, 2316 Delaware Ave. Suite-102, Buffalo NY 14216.

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and crossdressers and their partners or family.

Services: TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings. Dues: $25.00. Monthly newsletter, Crosscurrents, subscription $15.00 per year. Single copy: $1.50.

Security: New members usually must talk to a group member.

ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK: CD-Network, P.O. Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692, 716-251-2132 (24-hr. hotline and recorder).

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual support group for CDs, TSs, and their spouses. Over 50 members, mostly from upstate NY.

Services: Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Monthly newsletter CD News. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.

Security: Newsletter sent to all members who have completed membership questionnaire. Invitation to meetings extended after screening interview, or with references from a sister organization.

PENNSYLVANIA

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: See PRFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TRANSPITT: TransPitt, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh, PA 15230. 412-781-0257.

Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referrals.

Security: Meeting with club officer.

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

ERIE SISTERS: Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505.

Nature: Non-sexual social support group for all CDs and friends of CDs. Good manners, taste and common sense expected.

Services: Monthly meetings, newsletter. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room is provided.

Security: An interview with a club officer required before attending first meeting.

RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER: Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. 717-780-1LSV or 717-780-1578. Brenda Davidson, chapter leader.

Nature: Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

Services: Meets the first Saturday evening of each month. Call for latest information on meeting site.

Security: Inquire.

RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER: Renaissance PHL, P O Box AD, Bensalem PA 19020. 215-946-8887. Dina Amberle, Chapter Leader.

Nature: Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

Services: Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Summer meetings start at 9:00 pm. For information, call above number.

RENAISSANCE - READING: Charter has been revoked by the National Board. For information, write National Secretary Susan Crane, P O Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406.

PHILADELPHIA TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: To educate the community on TS issues and to give support needed in this sometimes confusing period. Dues: $25.00/yr.

Services: Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals.

Security: No drugs or excess baggage.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406. (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

Nature: Renaissance is a non-profit, non-sexual organization dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace.

Services: For TVs and TSs. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Call the Help Line 24 hours a day for information on the latest activities.

For professionals: Speakers' Bureau with experienced and accomplished lecturers for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help professionals and clients to understand transgender behavior.

Security: There is no screening process for prospective members. All member personal information is strictly confidential and available only to the Board of Directors.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

DELAWARE

WASHINGTON, DC

WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE: c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. WBA Hotline 301-277-5475.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual education and support organization for members of the TV/TS community.

Services: Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.

Security: Write or call.

MARYLAND

JANUS/DC: Janus/DC, c/o H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814.

Nature: Transsexual support. Not to be confused with the Society of Janus, a California S/M group with chapters having similar names.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE BRIDGE CLUB: Bridge Club, c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

MY CHOICE: c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 (301) 732-4546.

Nature: We are a non-profit support group for TVs and TSs.

Services: Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. Support and advice are given. We have a registered social worker qualified in TG issues at every meeting. We usually go out socializing after meetings. Shopping, make-up and coming-out help available.

Security: Interview by phone or in person required before attendance of meetings. Phone and address list available only to Shana Roberts and Kathy Lyn, who heads up our TS department.

VIRGINIA

BLACK ROSE: Black Rose, P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210 (301) 369-7667.

Nature: Support group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome.

Services: Meets Tuesday nights in Washington, DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.

Security: Call or write.

DELTA CHI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (DCEA): DCEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215.

Nature: Social/support group for TVs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, meetings once a month. Publishes The Pinnacle newsletter. Hotline (301) 949-3822

Security: Inquiry needed.

PASSING FANCY: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

VIRGINIA'S SECRET: Virginia's Secret, P O Box 29142, Richmond VA 23242. (804) 741-1187.

Nature: Support group for Cross-dressers.

Services: Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter.

Security: Completed application, sponsoring interview before joining. Membership information is held in strictest confidence.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WEST VIRGINIA

TRANS-WV: TRANS-WV, P.O. Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.

Nature: A non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, TSs, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.

Security: Prospective members must meet with an officer before being told the meeting place. No member shall reveal the true name, address, phone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

NORTH CAROLINA

TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION: Triad, c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427-8082.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings every other month, with occasional social events as well.

Security: No personal information will be released without a person's knowledge and consent. Inquire.

GDANC SUPPORT GROUP: GDANC, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002, (704) 982 1028.

Nature: To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need someone to talk to.

Services: Meetings on the third Saturday of every month at a private apartment.

Security: Call or write to be interviewed.

KAPPA BETA - TRI-ESS: Kappa Beta, P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220.

Nature: Social support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.

Services: Monthly meetings August to May, usually in Charlotte. Monthly newsletter, The Pink Slip, $20.00 per year.

Security: Interview with Board member. Must be eligible to join (i.e., be a current member of Tri-Ess).

PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT: Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.

Nature: Non-profit TV/TS support group. Significant others and friends welcome.

Services: Irregularly scheduled meetings. Inquire for time and location. One-on-one meetings if requested.

Security: Good manners, common sense protect the security and peace of mind of all.

SOUTH CAROLINA

GEORGIA

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC. (The Augusta Chapter): Jerry, Lynn, or Tommie, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033 (404) 603 9426. Contact April.

Nature: TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the state of Georgia.

Services: Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Publications: MM & PI Monthly newsletter, Insight a quarterly magazine for and about TS's, among others.

Screening: Required of clients before becoming members. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE (AEGIS): AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. (404) 939-2128.

Services: Professional referrals and case management; support group, led by Dallas Denny, MA (Licensed Psychological Examiner) and Carol Miller, M Ed (Licensed Professional Counselor); speakers' bureau; publications: Chrysalis Quarterly, transition booklets, bibliography of gender dysphoria, among others. Open to all transgendered persons. Membership of $30.00 includes subscription to Chrysalis Quarterly.

Security: A screening interview is required prior to attending the support group.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

FLORIDA

SIGMA EPSILON - TRI ESS: Sigma Epsilon, S-129 8084 Davis Highway E3, Pensacola FL 32514.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings, except June and August, at established Atlanta & Chattanooga locations. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

GENDER INFORMATION NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE: GING, Gail Driaper, (904) 332-8178.

Nature: Non-profit social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more then their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville.

Security: Potential members will be personally interviewed as to their needs.

PHI EPSILON MU/ CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS: Phi Epsilon Mu, P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups.

Security: Interview required, emphasizing good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

REALITY: GLCS, P O Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. (407) 425-4527, Debra Hunter.

Nature: A support group for transsexuals and a network to professionals.

Services: Group meets every other Sunday at 6:30 pm to lend support to persons suffering from gender dysphoria. Information on professionals dealing with gender dysphoric persons is provided upon request.

Security: An informal interview is required.

FANTASIA: Fantasia, c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Contact: Sabrina Marcus.

Nature: Social support group for all TVs & TSs.

Services: Group meets every Friday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding.

Security: Interview required.

SERENITY: Serenity, P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022. Hotline: (305) 921-8738

Nature: Social/support group for TVs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at the Church of the Holy Spirit (MCC), 330 SW 27th St., Ft. Lauderdale FL. Newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ANIMAS: Animas, P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to eexhange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. A periodic newsletter is published. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.

MOVING ON, REACHING & EXPERIENCING: M.O.R.E., P.O. Box 100665, Ft. Lauderdale FL 33310-0665 contact: Josephine Williamson (305) 966-2138.

Nature: An action-based support group for the experienced male cross-dresser. MORE will provide the support, friendship and trust necessary to allow the individual to explore and find their own answers of where in the gender spectrum they want to be.

Services: Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The meeting consists of a one hour topic discussion, a brief business meeting, and a group public activity.

Security: Mailing list is confidential. Telephone contact list is open to all members. Attendance by non-member requires interview.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

STARBURST: Starburst, c/o J. L. Hores, 1801-69 Avenue S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712, (813) 866-0438, Joe, or (813) 842-3513 for TS.

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and transvestites.

Services: Meets the first and third Friday of each month in a private home.

Security: Excellent. Meetings in a private home. Screening before attending first meeting. Call or write to make an appointment.

THE SOUTHERN BELLES/TAU SIGMA BETA CHAPTER OF TRI ESS: Tau Sigma Beta, P O Box 23112 St. Petersburg FL 33742-3112.

Nature: Non-profit social/support group for male heterosexual crossdressers, their wives and girlfriends.

Services: Meetings 3rd Saturday of month in private homes. Monthly newsletter, with items of interest to the crossdressing community.

ALABAMA

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

SIGMA RHO GAMMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Ms. Michelle Steadman.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual outreach organization for support for individual heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter The Continuum. Subscriptions are $20/year for nonmembers.

Security: There is a mandatory orientation program. New members must be interviewed by at least two board members before they will be told when and where meetings are held.

MISSISSIPPI

BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI: Beta Chi, P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Hotline: (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). Lee Frances, Secretary

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Publishes Premiere newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

TENNESSEE

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

KENTUCKY

OHIO

CRYSTAL CLUB: Crystal Club, P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287 (614) 777-0648

Nature: An open support group for TV, TS, and others who cross-dress with a full feminine identity. We provide a non-threatening environment for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with a meeting fee of $15.00. Peer support, newsletter. Buyers' guide in preparation. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Publishes The Crystal Chronical.

Security: Inquire. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Omega, Box 954, Elyria OH 44036

Nature: A social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Bi-monthly meetings. Publish the Alpha Omega Outreach newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified Alpha Omega officer.

PARADISE CLUB: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Paradise has approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter, Paradise Tales, and sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or other event of interest.

Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. We place emphasis on manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings with the concurrence of an officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSS-PORT: Box 12701, Cincinnati OH

45212-0701, (513) 299-1353, Shelbi.

Nature: Cross-Port is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and the female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation.

Services: Cross-Port distributes a monthly newsletter to all members.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is the rule. The mailing and membership lists are confidential. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

INDIANA

HELPLINE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

IXE: IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220. (317) 894-8109.

Nature: A non-profit TV/TS social/support group.

Services: IXE distributes a monthly newsletter to all members. IXE has a BBS, shared on line with the Adult BBS. Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>. Dial (317) 784-6975

Security: Mailing and membership lists are confidential. No names, addresses, or phone numbers will be given out, even with the member's permission. Manners and common sense are expected of all members and their guests at all meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. We welcome all to our meetings.

MICHIGAN

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: Crossroads, P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Joanne Janiszewski, President. Phone messages: (313) 446-0782.

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship, support, and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter, Crossroads Chatter, and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. We also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

CROSSROADS OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN: See 'Crossroads Chapter,' above.

NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP: N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202, (313) 842-5258. Justina Williams, President.

Nature: N.G.D.O. is a non-profit support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers.

Services: We publish The N.G.D.O. Key to Freedom. We offer referrals to compassionate, helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee.

Security: The N.G.D.O. protects the privacy of its members. You can trust us. Meetings are held at a safe location.

THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area): Theta Omega Gamma, c/o Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary address)

Nature: Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CROSSDRESSERS: NAC, P O Box 497, Flint MI 48501. Grace Bacon, Director.

Nature: An organization dedicated to education and outreach.

Services: Publishes and distributes the informational pamphlet An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism.

I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN: I.M.E. of Western Michigan, P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501.

Nature: Social, support, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others, regardless of sexual orientation.

Services: Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.

Security: All member files are strictly confidential. Prospective members must sign a pledge of confidentiality.

IOWA

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: See Commercial and Professional Publications and Services.

IOTA ALPHA CHAPTER, TRI ESS: Iowa Artistry, Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Services: Inquire.

WISCONSIN

CHANGING MEN: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

Nature: An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons.

Services: Newsletter, peer support, services' listings for members.

Security: Interview required, confidential membership listings used for newsletter and related organizational mailings only.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY (CLCC): CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis, MN 55416. (612) 229-3613.

Nature: Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for cross-dressers to meet like-minded folks. We are a non-sexual group when together; however, personal orientation is not considered when newcomers apply to join us.

Security: A personal interview before coming to the first party.

SCD PUBLISHING: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

NORTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MONTANA

ILLINOIS

CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Chi Chapter, P O Box 40, Wooddale IL 60191-0040. Hot Line: (708) 364-9514.

Nature: Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, a non-profit organization for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, newsletter, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of "Be All You Want To Be" weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

Security: Inquire.

THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: The Sunday Society, P O Box 47056, Chicago IL 60647 (312) 252-7024 Sheila L. Sampognaro or Louise L. Raeder.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual outreach and support organization.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month 6-8 p.m. Monthly newsletter Trans-World Bulletin (subs. $20.00 per year). Computer bulletin board "The Sunday Society US TOO BBS" 7 nights a week from 10:00pm to 12:00am or by request. 2400, 1200, or 300 baud, 8-N-1 color, mono, or no graphics.

Security: Telephone interview required to attend meetings.

CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (312) 434-5445

Nature: Non-profit social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, their significant others, and supportive friends.

Services: Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

US TOO: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION (CIGA): CIGA, P O Box 126, Washington IL 61571 Contact: JoAnn (309) 444-9918.

Nature: CIGA is a non-profit, non-sexual association emphasizing support for the male-to-female and female-to-male TV and TS and their significant others. Significant Others are encouraged to participate in our outreach program as well as monthly social events.

Services: Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday - no charge. $20 annual dues includes the monthly newsletter.

Security: All members have pledged confidentiality. Interview required.

MISSOURI

ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117 Voice mailbox: (314) 567-8615. Please leave contact information.

Nature: Formerly the St. Louis Gateway Femmes. A social/support group for male to female CDs and TSs which has recently broadened its membership to welcome female to male CDs and TSs, as well as friends, relatives, and professionals of the cross gender community. St. Louis Gender Foundation meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, and confidence building. Activities include grooming and make-up classes, guest speakers, electolysis information, fashion and talent shows, and business meetings.

Services: A bi-monthly newsletter, the Gateway Femmes Gazette, club business cards, and a membership directory

KANSAS

I.F.G.E. HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

CD RESEARCH CENTER: CD Research Center, 418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437, Becky Gail Croslove.

Nature: Compiling all information from clubs and organizations for complete census to be made available to the helping professionals.

Services: Input from crossdresser clubs, organizations, individual groups gets feedback from us. Non-profit center relies on donations and grants for support.

Security: Individual crossdressers are identified by coded listings not available to outsiders. Only the total data will be released.

CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: CAF, c/o Randi Campbell, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204.

Nature: Support for crossdressers and friends.

Services: Inquire.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT: Gender Dysphoria Support, P O Box 15561, Shawnee Mission KS 66215; (913) 371-0658; Anne Ogborn, Facilitator.

Nature: Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender.

Services: Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to F-M's and M-F's equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings.

Security: Contact Anne Ogborn.

WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: Wichita Transgender Alliance, P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.

Nature: Non-sexual peer support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings (currently the 3rd Friday of the month) at a local church; a small donation is requested but not required. We provide mutual support, social get-togethers, and referrals to sympathetic helping professionals, electrologists, retailers, etc.

Security: A chat with an officer of the Alliance to ensure that you'd benefit from membership. Privacy is assured.

NEBRASKA

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

Nature: Non-profit educational, support, and social group for TVs, TSs, and significant others.

Services: We currently have about 80 members, meets every other month on the even numbered months in Omaha, and have a newsletter The Transformer. We network with other groups and sisters. We work with local helping professionals, perform outreach, and maintain files of educational and resource material including listings of local services.

Security: Inquire.

RHO CHI RHO CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Chapter discontinued. Contact: River City Gender Alliance, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

ARKANSAS

LOUISIANA

TRI DELTA CHI, TRI-ESS: Tri Delta Chi, Box 870213, New Orleans, LA 70187-1300.

Nature: New Orleans chapter of the Society for the Second Self serving members in southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida. We are in the growing stage and are publishing newsletters and holding meetings on a sporadic basis. This is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/SOs, and is primarily a "social" support group.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Mailing list for newsletter is open, for a fee of $5.00 yearly. Attendance at meetings and functions requires screening by Board.

UNITED TRANSSEXUAL AND TV SUPPORT GROUP: UTTS, Barbara, 54 Pine Road Dr., Lacombe LA 70445.

OKLAHOMA

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104; (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

Nature: Social organization and support group welcomes TVs, TSs, and interested parties. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference.

Services: Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

Security: Confidentiality is assured and expected.

TEXAS

DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Delta Omega, P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021. Hotline: Metro (817) 261-3253 ("live" Wednesday 7-11 pm, otherwise answering machine).

Nature: Social, for heterosexual TVs and their significant others. Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Services: Social activities; publish The Texas Rose newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with a chapter officer.

TRI-PLEX GENDER ASSOCIATION: TPGA, c/o Karalyn McGrath, P O Box 381, Riesel TX 76682. (817) 867-1077 (best to call on Sunday).

Nature: Transgender support group.

Services: Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's Gender EUPHORIA. TPGA members will receive Gender EUPHORIA.

Security: Write for more information.

HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE (NORTHWEST BRANCH): HTGA-NW, c/o Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Antonio TX 76903-0413. (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT).

Nature: Transgender support group.

Services: Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's Gender EUPHORIA. TPGA members will receive Gender EUPHORIA.

Security: Write for more information.

GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: GCTC, P.O. Box 90335, Houston TX 77090.

Nature: Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, GCTC is a social organization for CDs, TSs, SOs, and others in the transgender community.

Services: Monthly social meetings, monthly newsletter. Sponsors annual "Fantasy Adventure Weekend."

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with an officer of the organization.

TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Tau Chi, Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with the chapter president.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM FOR TRANSSEXUALS: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH CROSSDRESSERS COMMUNICATION NETWORK: W.A.C.S., Cynthia Phillips, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.

Nature: A women's support group devoted to the primary goal of exploring women's feelings, concerns, and attitudes about cross-dressing. Affiliated with Boulton & Park.

Services: We meet at 3:00 pm the 2nd Saturday of each month at the home of Cynthia Phillips. No fee.

Security: Inquire

HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE (HTGA): HTGA, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. Linda Phillips, President, (512) 438 7604.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, and their families and friends.

Services: Meetings at least once a month. Social activities. Outreach program.

Security: Interview required before attending.

BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY: Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78280. Hotline: (512) 657-2540. FAX (512) 545-4888 Monday-Friday, 6:00 am to 5:00 pm CT.

Nature: Open, non-profit, non-sexual. Social and peer support plus local information for transsexual, transvestic, and transgendered folks, their families and friends.

Services: Meetings, newsletter Gender Euphoria, business directory, outreach to helping professionals, plus a national outreach program for individuals referred to us.

Services: You are expected to be mature enough to exist with others in social situations, exercising good manners and good sense in protecting the security and peace of mind of all. Before attending your first soiree you must meet with a designated member. If we aren't comfortable with you, you won't be invited to attend.

FIRST SATURDAY: Meets in El Paso TX, see listing under NM.

COLORADO

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): Delta Chapter, P.O. Box 621681, Littleton CO 80162.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual support/social group for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Monthly meetings and activities, monthly newsletter addressed to the issues of the cross-dresser and family. Established wives' network. Annual dues $15.00.

Security: Requires an interview with chapter officer prior to meeting attendance.

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. (G.I.C.): 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211. (303) 458-5378. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. These areas include medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, and other related matters. G.I.C. also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline.

CROSS LINK: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through GIC, above. (303) 458 5378.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through Gender Identity Center, above.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

WYOMING

WYOMING/NORTH COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: Contact via the Gender Identity Center, (303) 458-5378, for information and directions to the meeting place.

IDAHO

UTAH

ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.

Nature: Heterosexual cross-dressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See 'Society for the Second

Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

ARIZONA

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

A ROSE: A Rose, P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, their wives, friends, and relatives.

Services: Social activities, meetings, educational programs. Publishes A Rose News monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Alpha Zeta, P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.

Nature: A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, monthly meetings. Publishes The Cactus Flower newsletter.

Security: Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE: Gender Crisis Help Line, Tucson AZ 85705. (602) 293-3456.

Nature: Referral Service offering referrals to local professionals specializing in gender dysphoria: cosmetic surgeons, groups, events, and educational opportunities for the gender community.

Services: A listening ear and a current list of professionals.

Security: All calls are confidential.

THE BUTTERFLY: Butterfly, P O Box 17776, Tucson AZ 85731-7776.

Nature: A non-sexual social and support group for TVs, TSs, their spouses and relatives. Not a therapy group or a dating service.

Service: Social activities, educational programs. Publishes a monthly newsletter, The Butterfly. Meetings held the second Saturday of each month.

Security: Mutual discretion and respect. Mailing list is confidential.

NEW MEXICO

CD/TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: CD/TV/TS Support Group, P.O. Box 26800, Suite 314, Albuquerque NM 87125

Nature: An unaffiliated open group offering support, acceptance, and understanding for crossdressers and their families.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month (dressing not required). Anyone with an interest in crossdressing is welcome to attend.

Security: Insured via mutual discretion and respect.

FIESTA Chapter of Tri Ess: Fiesta, De Vargas Ctr, Suite G-451, Santa Fe NM 87501-1498

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

FIRST SATURDAY FOR TV/TS: Rudi Clarke, ST Route Box 886, Alamogordo NM 88311 (505) 434-5144

Nature: Support group for all TVs and TSs in the area.

Services: Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Whatever Club in El Paso, Texas.

Security: Person must meet with a member and establish their credentials. Call to set up an appointment.

NEVADA

JENNIFER & FRIENDS: Jennifer & Friends, P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

Security: Personal interview with one board member.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER: A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028; (213) 469-4709; Amanda Silvestri, Director.

Nature: A non-profit organization serving the transgender and transsexual community.

Services: Confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, and a newsletter.

Security: Open.

ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: Alpha Chapter, P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036. (213) 876-6141, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.

Nature: Los Angeles Chapter of the society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters.

Services: Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/partners/families. Publishes Alpha Bits newsletter.

Security: Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess. Mailing list accessible only by officers for official purposes.

CROSS-CONNECTION: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

ANDROGYNY: Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048; (213) 467-8317 ask for Shirley or Sheila, 213-856-4867 ask for Rachel. Please mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm Pacific time.

Nature: Social and support group for those who crossdress.

Services: Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC): CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009. Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or cross-dressers only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: We sponsor meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. We publish a monthly newsletter, CHIC Clippings, and sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month.

Security: Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members and (if a home meeting) the hostess. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the Membership Committee, and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

CD SOCIAL GROUP: PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

Nature: A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for more information.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

THE VALLEY GIRLS: c/o Cross-Talk, P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365. (818) 776-8504 (24-hour recorde message).

Nature: Informal, unstructured, open social group.

Services: Meets for late Saturday night breakfast and socializing. Occasionally schedules events in the mainstream. Call for current breakfast location and schedule of events.

Security: Anyone welcome without prior interview.

THE CROSSDRESSERS QUARTERLY: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CROSS-TALK: See Commercial and Professional Publications and Services.

FEMININE IMAGE: c/o Alicia M. Lichy, 5405 Arrow Hwy.-Suite 110, Montclair CA 91763; (714) 931-1515.

Nature: TV/TS/TG social club offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your sexual preference or practices. Significant others and novices are most welcome.

Services: Meetings held on the 1st Saturday of each month in a private meeting room at ALICIA'S FASHIONS.

Security: Interview with Alicia or Barbara, "Best of Both Worlds," required, and your confidentiality is guaranteed.

NEUTRAL CORNER: Neutral Corner, P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112. TV/TS information line 236-1586.

Nature: A self-help group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their families. Its purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life.

Services: Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, a buyer's guide, and a list of helping professionals.

Security: Inquire.

PHOENIX RISING: Phoenix Rising, c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.

Nature: A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages.

Services: Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

Security: Sponsorship by current member required.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

TERRANET BBS: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

NATIONAL AD-HOC MEDICAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER: NAMCOG, Sarah Seton, M.D., Coordinator, 1540 Burton Road, Suite 235, Redlands CA 92373.

Nature: Doctors in various specialties across the nation are currently founding an association of concerned, transgendered physicians. The interim coordinator is soliciting all male and female transgendered physicians (M.D. & D.O.) interested in becoming founding members. All specialties are welcome.

The purposes of the committe include mutual professional support, peer review and liaison with mainstream medical boards and associations, research and education, outreach, and lobbying for the benefit of all transgendered people, nationwide.

Full membership is available to transgendered physicians, residents, and medical students. Associate membership is available, and all other interested people are welcome. Write to above address for a prospectus and an application.

GENDER DYSPHORIC PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA): Omega Chi, P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92802.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

POWDER PUFFS OF ORANGE COUNTY (PPOC): PPOC, P.O. Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92812 Hotline: (714) 779-9013 weekdays 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

Nature: Open, non-sexual social club for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Interview by club officer.

TRI-CHI: Tri-Chi, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

Nature: Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Security/Services: See 'Society for

the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, Femme Mirror, and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri-Ess code of conduct.

THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456; (805) 922-1309 (9am - 5pm PST Mon - Thurs).

See also listing under PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Nature: GCA is a non-profit educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Also a professional medical, psychological and legal services co-op (see Professional Medical and Psychological Health Services), and utilizes its own computer bulletin board system, Searchlight of San Luis Obispo (see Computer Bulletin Boards).

Services: Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Gender and sex information; referrals for medical and professional support, personal care, correspondence and peer-linking. International contacts. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

Security: Confidential and non-judgmental.

SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: See Alpha Chapter Tri-Ess, serving the Los Angeles area.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

GENDER AND SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

FEMALE-TO-MALE: F_2M, 1827 Haight Street #164, San Francisco CA 94117; (415) 626-5824, ask for Lou.

Nature: Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Inquire.

Security: Inquire.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, P.O. Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486, Hotline: (510) 549-2665 (if no answer call Telzey at 510-849-4112).

Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intended as a social and educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with over 400 members.

Services: ETVC publishes the ETVC Newsletter, and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to these lists, except in the case of judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486.

Nature: Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of crossdressers and transsexuals.

Services: Meetings and a newsletter.

Security: See 'ETVC.'

GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS: No mailing address available.

Nature: A non-judgmental transgender support group.

Services: Meetings every Thursday in the Science of Mind room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885. (510) 849-4112.

Nature: Informal, non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their friends, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. Publishes the Devil Woman newsletter.

Security: DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. Confidentiality is assured and expected.

SEARCHLIGHT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

GENDER ALTERNATIVES LEAGUE: GAL, c/o Cynthia Howard, P.O. Box 3392, Napa CA 94558-3392.

Nature: National not-for-profit political activist organization for all segments of the gender community. The association is run by participating members of the gender community to provide national representation for everyone.

Services: "Our aim is freedom of gender expression without oppression. Our primary focus is to support all members of the gender community in the area of human rights and equal rights advocacy and activism. We are working on the elimination of the Mental Illness label for members of our community, and on civil rights acts protecting all members of our minority. The organization is set up like NOW and other minority activist groups. We are setting up lobbying groups, and working with other minorities for human rights. This is an umbrella organization for all groups in our community. Its policies and activities are set by participating group leaders on the League's Advisory Board. We encourage everyone to participate. We do not discriminate." Publish newsletter, The Genderist. Hold national meetings annually. Election of officers is open to all and occurs each February. Sponsor National Gender Freedom Day yearly. Contact Lauren Hotchkiss for membership information."

Security: All personal information is kept strictly confidential.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THURSDAY IRREGULARS: Thursday Irregulars, c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 7761, San Jose CA 95150-7761.

Nature: For nearly 7 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves.

Security: The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.

Nature: Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Non-profit, non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals, transvestites, and their significant others to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We also promote the complete development of RGA members as complete men and women through emotional support and education. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestite in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. We publish a newsletter and sponsor social programs, peer support, outreach work, and public education. Visitors are welcome.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

FOCUS: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

TV GUISE: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION: SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456, (916) 441-8379.

Nature: SGA ia a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community, their spouses, significant others, and professionals. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Monthly socials, support groups (TV/TS/SO), newsletter.

Security: All mailing and membership lists are kept confidential. Only certain officers have access.

SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP: c/o P O Box 13852, Sacramento CA 95838-3582.

Nature: JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community and to the S/M community about itself. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual.

Services: Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

Security: All membership lists and mailings are kept in strictest confidence.

NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER: N.S.G.C., 13522 Highway 36 East, Box 10, Red Bluff CA 96080. (916) 949-1815.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients.

Security: Call hotline for an appointment with Client Acceptance Committee.

HAWAII

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: HTGO, 777 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 3114, Honolulu Hawaii 96813. Phone 923 4270. There is someone there to answer it on some mornings. We are now approved by the IRS as a tax-exempt corporation. Donations are now tax deductible.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

OREGON

NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual social organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all of our girls to attend as often as possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER: RCGC, P O Box 12714, Portland OR 97212. (503) 230-1036. All functions are held at the

Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER: Capitol City Chapter, P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

Services: Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, make-up, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings.

Security: Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

SALMACIS: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist; (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).

Nature: Salmacis is a social and service society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women.

Services: Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Also publish Femmes Together and The Equalitarian Feminist. The Salmacis Social Society meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network: Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

Nature: A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle.

Services: The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON

TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS: TLF, Seattle Washington. (206) 292-1037.

Nature: A social group for transsexuals and lesbians. Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend.

Services: We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee.

Security: New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

EMERALD CITY: Emerald City, P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103. Hotline (205) 822-6953.

Nature: The Emerald City is a social, educational, non-profit, non-sexual organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Publishes a monthly newsletter. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of cross-dressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance.

Security: Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at other events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored by a member and accepted by the Board. Confidentiality of member information is carefully maintained.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ALASKA

THE BERDACHE SOCIETY: Berdache Society, c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 203134, Anchorage Ak 99520-3134. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social, educational, and referral organization serving the TV/TS community. Supports the concept that gender and sexual identity operate on separate but parallel continua with unity of the individual and freedom of expression and growth our primary focus. (Sumus Quod Sumus.)

Services: Publishes a monthly newsletter Satin and Lace. Monthly meetings and social functions in a safe and supportive environment. Educational and personal growth programs. Wives' and significant others' support group. Mental health and medical referrals.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves in a mature, responsible, and respectful manner. Membership is by committee after interview by chairperson or letter of referral. Anyone may receive the newsletter.

CANADA

ENTRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, Canada G1L 1Y2; (418) 529-1152.

Nature: French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M.

Services: Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TS's.

Security: Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

FACT - QUEBEC: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S6.

Nature: Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others.

Security: Inquire.

TRANSSEUALS IN PRISON: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSINAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

FACT - OTTAWA: FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1G 3T9.

Nature: Support group primarily for transsexuals.

Services: Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline (613) 238-1717. Arrange a time for a callback.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TRANSITION SUPPORT: Transition Support, c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 2C9.

Nature: Transsexual support.

Services: Annual membership fee ($25.00 Cdn) includes monthly meetings and 12-issue sub to Trans News newsletter. Newsletter subscription alone, $15.00. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public.

Security: None. Inquire for details.

GENDERSERVE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

STREET OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS): 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, ON M4Y 1Z8 CANADA (416) 926-0744 (24 hours).

Nature: Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution.

Services: Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one workers, 24-hour crisis line.

GENDER MOSAIC (formerly Nu Omicron Phi): Gender Mosaic, P O Box 7421, (Ottawa) Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E4 (613) 749 5203.

Nature: Social support group for transgendered people and their significant others.

Services: Phone line, bi-monthly newsletter, pamphlet, and socials.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB: The Canadian CDC, 429C Dundas Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2A9. 416-864-0420 24 hours.

Nature: Open, non-sexual, support, social and educational outreach club with an accent on FUN for cross-dressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, spouses, significant others, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens.

Services: Parties on the second and fourth Fridays, and every Saturday. Membership includes CDC Magazine subscription. The third Saturday is Ladies' Night Out in a local restaurant. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto.

Security: Modest screening process. Arrive dressed, or dress at the Club. Write, call, or send $8.00 for current Canadian Crossdresser Magazine.

MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB: M.S.C., Box 579, Agincourt, ON M1S 3C6 CANADA.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social organization serving TVs and TSs, their spouses, and friends.

Services: Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service for members. Publishes the quarterly Monarch magazine. Sponsors the annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the last weekend in August (Owen Sound).

Security: By member referral or filling in a club questionnaire application form. Inquiries welcome.

PHI SIGMA - TRI-ESS: Phi Sigma, c/o Sara Geddis, Box 2546, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada T1A 8G8.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

CORNBURY SOCIETY: Cornbury Society, Box 3745, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z1 CANADA.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services/Security: Inquire for meeting times and locations, and security requirements.

GENDER MOSAIC: Gender Mosaic, Niki Ross, P O Box 7421, Vanier (OTTAWA), ONT., K1L-8E4.

Nature: Crossdressing support group.

CHRYSALLIS: Chrysallis, Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 5A5.

Nature: Support group.

Services: Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, from 7:00pm till 10:00pm.

ENGLAND

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England. Information 071-756-1782

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Two bi-monthly magazines: The Beaumont Bulletin, which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, and articles on related matters; also Beaumag, which contains fictional, biographical, and autobiographical stories. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

WOMEN OF THE BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, W.O.B.S., Box 3084, London 2C1N-3XX England.

Nature: A wives', partners' and families' support group for those who find the transvestite behavior difficult to understand.

Services: A confidential support service.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

THE BS PARTNERS GROUP: BM, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: A support group for partners and families of transsexuals.

Services: A confidential support network by which people with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

Security: Inquire.

SEAHORSE SOCIETY: BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: A social organization for transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Regular newsletter, social events, etc.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

BEAUMONT TRUST: BM Charity, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations.

Services: Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and his or her family to come to terms with the problem.

Security: Inquire.

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: The TV/TS Group, 2 French Place, Shoreditch, London ENGLAND E1 6JB (off Bateman's Row). Telephone Helpline: 071-729-1466. Hours: 8-10pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Nature: Support/social Group for TVs, TSs, families and friends. Registered Charity #295376; member of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations (NCVO).

Services: Peer support for CDs, TSs, wives and partners. Publishes The Glad Rag and other useful and informative publications. Meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Comfortable lounge, refreshments, social areas, storage lockers, dressing room.

Security: Open meetings, but VERY conscious of the need for individual security. All that is asked is a name to call you by.

PARTNERS' SUPPORT GROUP (TV/TS/SUPPORT): 081-204-4187 most days between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm.

Nature: Special telephone helpline for WOMEN (wives, mothers, etc.)

Security: See above

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): The Gender Dysphoria Trust, BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND. Helpline 0323 641100.

Nature: A self help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual.

Services: Bi-monthly newsletter, dyscourse, handbook, and other relevant material. Annual subscription. Confidential contact system for members.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

NEW TRANSESSEX: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT; 0268-583761, evenings 7:00 - 10:30pm.

Nature: TV/TS social club.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor. There is a Club newsletter, Narcissus, and a help line.

Security: Inquire

MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP: 54 Seel Street, Liverpool, England L1 4DE; 051-708-0234. D. S. Cochran, Secretary.

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society.'

Services: Above address is the Scruples Club which is open from 8:00pm to 10:00pm on Friday nights, only. You would be well advised to call and confirm.

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY (Isle of Wight): GTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelley, Box 2, 1 Bank Buildings, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB

Nature: A non-profit organization dedicated to helping any transgendered person in any way possible.

Services: A network of friends communicating by mail. A "Global Village" project which is a collection of groups and organizations from around the world. Designed to "cement the bond of mutual respect and affinity among us," publishing news from around the world, travel routes between countries, etc. There is a museum and library.

THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester): Jenny Baker, The Northern Concord, P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND

Nature: A non-profit social and support group for transvestites, transsexuals, their wives and significant others. Associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group.

Services: Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:00 - 12:00. Publishes a quarterly magazine Cross Talk.

Security: Inquire.

ROSE'S: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND 0742-342870

Nature: A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.'

Services: Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Quarterly publication Repartee.

Security: Full confidentiality assured.

SCOTLAND

THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP: c/o Julie Bradshaw, 53/6 Bread Street, Edinburgh EH3 9AH. Tel. 031 - 228-2231.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual TV/TS Support Group.

Security: Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh. Very conscious of the need for individual security.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY GROUP: c/o Cara Friend, P.O. Box 44, Belfast BT1 1SH IRELAND phone Belfast (0232) 322 023 on evening of meeting.

Nature: Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends, mostly tea & chat.

Services: Meetings in Belfast on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:45 - 10:00pm.

Security: Call first.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.

Nature: See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788.

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

DENMARK

FPE NE: M. A. Postboks 192 DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.

Nature: See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

Services: Monthly meetings.

GERMANY

TRANSIDENTITAS: Transidentitas, Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY Phone: 069 8001008

Nature: Support group for transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Inquire.

TV CLUB HAMBURG: Postfach 26 14 26, 2000 Hamburg 26 GERMANY Phone: 040.250.13.13 (Christel Grunwald)

Nature: Inquire.

Services: Inquire.

TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE: c/o MANNEGE, UHLANDSTR. 161, 1000 BERLIN 15, GERMANY Phone: 030 882 23 70.

Nature: Support group for men who like to crossdress.

Services: Counselling, monthly open meetings, public discussions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.

Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

NORWAY

F.P.E. (Northern Europe): FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1 NORWAY.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Services: Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Publishes Feminform, an informative, quarterly publication. A private library for members.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

SWEDEN

F.P.E. (SWEDEN): FPE NE, Box 529, S-101 30 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Nature: See F.P.E. Northern Europe.

Services: Publishes Feminform, the magazine for FPE-NE. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

ISLAM

Phaedra Kelley gives addresses for two TV/TS groups:

TURKEY

A group representing Transvestites and Transsexuals of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.

Demet Demir, Baskut Sok, No 69/7 Taksim, Istanbul, Turkey.

PAKISTAN

Khusra of Pakistan

Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan.

Phone code 05921 6158 and leave message, or 05921 2858

Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

JAPAN

ELIZABETH CLUB: Tsutsui building 5F 2-8-4, Suada-Cho, Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan.

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine called Queen every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Publisher of Queen Magazine. See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

AUSTRALIA

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES - SYDNEY: The Secretary, Box 146, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2538, Australia.

Nature: The Seahorse Society is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us

unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership.

Services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar (Beaumont, Tiffany, etc.) organization.

SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND: Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia. Complete details of activities not yet available.

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES - GLEBE: c/o Bernadette Cross, Box 168, Westgate, N.S.W., 2048.

Nature: See 'Seahorse - Sydney,' above.

Services: Likewise refer to 'Seahorse - Sydney.'

Security: Inquire.

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

Nature: The largest continuously active club in Australia. A non-profit, non-sexual social/support organization for cross-dressers and their families.

Services: SSV regularly publishes the Seahorse Victoria newsletter. We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Security: Inquire.

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: P O Box 284, Doonside N.S.W 2767. Australia. Janice West, Director.

Nature: Support group for cross-dressers.

Services: Regular meetings, referrals to helping professionals and vendors, social events for individuals and for families.

Security: Write for further information.

CARROUSEL CLUB: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well.

Security: Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia; tele 369-2613.

Nature: A non-profit self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting.

Services: Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Publish the Nu-Scene newsletter.

Security: Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that the visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

NEW ZEALAND

HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Nature: Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE / NEW ZEALAND: The Minorities Trust, Box 2983, Wellington, NZ. Telephone: Wgtn (04) 844-764; (work) 737-800 ext 8642; Miss Leone Jeanne Neil.

Nature: A low-profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of transpeople.

Services: Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social environment for functions and entertainment.

Security: Call or write and enquire.

SOUTH AFRICA

THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Box 375, Parow, 7500, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President.

Nature: The Phoenix Society is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome.

Services: Publishes Fanfare magazine, actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts.

Security: New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES

(IFGE does not guarantee the quality of the individuals and services listed.)

PEOPLESYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS ED, LCSW, P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718 (508) 264-4565.

Services: Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Also, workshops on personal development.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: 233 Harvard Street, Suite 301, Brookline, MA 02146, 617-277-4360; 44 Chapel Street, Augusta, ME 04330, 207-623-2327.

Nature: Counseling that specializes in gender issues.

Services: Counseling CDs and TVs, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, F-M counseling, weekend programs for couples, post-op TS counseling, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors, gender blending and androgyny, and codependency counseling. Ari Kane, M. Ed., Gender Specialist.

Security: All sessions are by appointment.

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D.: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178. Mailing: Dennis Pearne, Ed.D., 133 Grove St. Watertown MA 02172. Office: (617) 484-0013

Nature: Clinical psychologist.

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: OPERN, P O Box 368, Boston MA 02215, Ari Kane, Director. (617) 277-3454.

Nature: Provides referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria.

Services: Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Publishes the Journal of Gender Studies.

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.: Nancy Strapko, Ph.D., RFD 1, Box 2081, Plymouth NH 03264. Office is in Concord, MA.

Nature: Gender Specialist, Psychotherapist serving the New England area.

Services: Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with the University of Minnesota.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: 104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431; (603) 357-5544; Ken DeVoid, Ed.D.

Nature: Transvestite, transsexual, and gender identity counseling.

Services: Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka OUTREACH INSTITUTE: 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345, South Portland, ME 04106. 207-755-0858. Ari Kane, Director. See NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Director; (203) 646-8651.

Service: Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy. Also provides screening for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TS's who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

METAMORPHOSIS: P O Box 6245, Broadway Station, Long Island City NY 11106, (718) 728-4615.

Nature: Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information.

ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED: Box 4887, Poughkeepsie NY 12602, (914) 452-8405. Roger E. Peo, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A private service providing counselling, research, and education.

Services: Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is for transgendered persons and their significant others. Referrals are made where appropriate. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and for other groups.

Security: Appointments for counselling can be made by phoning or by writing Dr. Peo at the above address.

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616; (412) 441-0857; Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.

Nature: Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others.

Services: Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and sex-reassignment therapy.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814.

Nature: Counselling for transgendered persons.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 400 W. Brambleton Avenue, Suite 300, Norfolk VA 23510. (804) 622-9900.

Nature: Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS.

Services: A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons.

Security: Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433. Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS, Program Manager.

Nature: Private, not-for-profit Mental Health Center.

Services: Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

Services: Strict confidentiality. All inquiries will be interviewed.

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.: 1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162. (305) 651-6442. Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.

Services: Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: 2999 N.E. 191 Street, Suite 607, Aventura FL 33180. Coral L. Schlosberg, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T. (305)

936-8000.

Nature: Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for transsexuals and transvestites.

Services: Individual and group therapy.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: 1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201. 614-299-6600.

Nature: Mental health hotline and service provider.

Services: Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.

HELPLINE: Koala Hospital of Indianapolis, 1404 South State Street, Indianapolis IN 46203. (714) 248-5843.

Nature: Helpline for all issues including gender.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Milwaukee Transgender Program, Pathways Counseling Center, 6815 West Capitol Dr., Suite 310, Milwaukee WI 53216; (414) 466-6040; Gretchen M. Fincke, MSW, Dir.

Nature: A therapy program for M-F and F-M transsexuals.

Services: A complete program of emotional support, evaluation and re-assignment hormone therapies and sexual re-assignment surgeries.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: 5594 North Hollywood Ave., Suite 204, Whitefish Bay WI 53217; (414) 332-1880; Charles A. Kiley, MSW, ACSW.

Nature: Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism.

Services: Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER: Pathways Counseling Center, First Financial Building, Suite 230, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa WI 53226-1304. (414) 774-4111.

Nature: A qualified and diversified staff of therapists in psychological areas, sex therapy, spiritual growth, Reiki Healing, marriage and family therapy, and intervention.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM - PROGRAM IN HUMAN SEXUALITY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: Eli Coleman, Ph.D., Program in Human Sexuality, FMC Building, 1300 South 2nd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55454. (612) 625 1500.

Nature: A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care. Administered by the University of Minnesota's Department of Family Practice and Community Health.

Services: Presently treats about 250 gender dysphoric clients. The program provides initial assessment, therapy, and various treatment options (including, but not limited to, sex reassignment surgery). Post surgical therapy is also offered as a follow-up measure. Support and other psychological services are available for families and children of gender dysphorics as well. Therapy, physical health care, and all related assistance are provided in the context of a fully professional environment.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM FOR TRANSSEXUALS: Alice Webb, MSW, CSW-ACP, 1917 Broadway, Suite 2, Galveston TX 77550.

Nature: Psychotherapy (individual & couple for both TS & TV), group meetings (not necessary to be in treatment to attend), referrals for hormones (must be in treatment), electrolysis, speech, legal services and SRS. Strict adherence to Harry Benjamin Standards.

Services: Group meetings are held 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00 pm. No fee. Long distance calls returned collect. No night calls. Primarily for persons self identifying as transsexuals.

Security: Must meet Ms Webb.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004; (303) 420-9885.

Nature: Practice limited to work with crossdressers, the gender conflicted, and their significant others.

Services: Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Also, a professional Speakers' Forum.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE: Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132; 801-581-7951. Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.

Services: Details not available at this time.

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: c/o Robin M. Mathy, M.A., 6330-1 E. Thomas Road Suite 210, Scottsdale AZ 85251.

Nature: Counseling clinic led by transsexual sexologist to help patients explore the gender continuum and find the most appropriate niche(s).

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: Roxanne Cherry, M.A., 937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F, Claremont CA 91711; (213) 202-1820, (714) 624-6539.

Nature: Licensed marriage family child therapist

Services: Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: The Prince Institute, P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.

Nature: A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services.

Services: Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or by correspondence.

Security: Total confidentiality.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675; (714) 240-7020. Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society.

Services: Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, Ms Tauria Linala, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454; (805) 922-1309...voice, (805) 549-0961...data.

Nature: Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program.

Services: Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: P O Box 4447, San Francisco CA 94101; (415) 558-8058; Joni E. Israel, Director.

Nature: A private personal growth consultation program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues.

Services: Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional consultation & training.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102; (415) 554-0518.

Nature: We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House.

Services: Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' and 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610; (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

Nature: Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, cross-dressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, and a sliding fee scale.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: A non-profit professional group with special interest in gender dysphoria syndrome.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: Box 908, Berkeley CA 94701; (415) 548-8283. Hot Line: (415) 841-6224. Allyana Guenther, Executive Director.

Nature: A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901; (415) 456-4452.

Nature: Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues.

Services: In private practice, but associated with other Bay Area gender professionals, and can provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and recommendation for hormone therapy and/or sex reassignment surgery when applicable.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224; (808) 926-1000.

Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122; (206) 329-6651.

Nature: Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service.

Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE: 1505 Broadway, Seattle WA 98122, (206) 282-9314 noon, to 9 pm weekdays, Michael Auch, Executive Director.

Nature: Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities in the U.S. A United Way agency, SCS receives grants from state and local sources to provide counseling and therapy for the full range of problems related to sexual issues.

Services: SCS provides a weekly support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

GENDERSERVE: Box 291 Station "A", Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3C8. Susan C. Huxford, Director.

Nature: Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: c/o Dr. Betty Steiner, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R8.

Nature: Accepts referrals through the patient's General Practitioner only.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: UUCP electronic mail: uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request Internet electronic mail: samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request@uunet.uu.net

Nature: An electronic mailing list.

Services: To share experiences about gender issues. This list is in Digest Format. An archive server with resources, movie/book lists, and fiction is available. Back issues are available. Electronic mail forwarding to members. To join, send electronic mail to Stephanie P. Gilgut at the above address. Your first contribution should include a brief bio. Contributions for publication should be sent by email to:
UUCP: **uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum**
Internet: **samsung!wizvax!cdforum@uunet.uu.net**

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

GENDERLINE:

Nature: BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

Services: Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission by System Operator HSX forum B (GO HSX 200 at any prompt). Discrete support community for both TV's and TS's. Consists of closed forum, conference area, and extensive data library of factual information and archived discussions of topics of concern.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.

Services: Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: Grand Rapids, MI: (616) 676-2429; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

Services: The Gender Forum also has a **'Companion Support Forum'** exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; (612) 452-2676; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

US TOO: Chicago, IL: (312) 252-7024; 300/1200/2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

Services: Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

Security: Call first.

CROSS LINK: Denver, CO: (303) 665-3746. 300/1200 baud, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service

Services: When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

SEARCHLIGHT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA BBS: San Luis Obispo, CA: (805) 549-0961. 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1 standard modem parameters.

Nature: BBS affiliated with Gender Community Advocates

Services: Access information on full service gender program, counseling, referrals, peer linking, and education. 24-hour BBS. Be sure to complete questionnaire stating TV or TS when prompted for 'Sexual Minority Type.' Gay/Lesbian and Adults Only sections also available.

FEMINET: (408) 335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TVs, TSs, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

Services: Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be logged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 549-0529. 300/1200/2400 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service geared towards the Gender Community.

Services: News and information, courtesy of Cross-Talk, National Gender Forums and on-line chat, stories, poetry, friends, and fun! Group Newsletter and Publication exchange. Other professional data services to the community. Shopping Mall on-line early '92! Log on with user-ID "VALLEY GIRL" and use password "VISITOR" then follow instructions.

TerraNet BBS: (714) 248-2836 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 baud, 8 bit, NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex. Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSGENDERNET, TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, DRESS*UP, and GENDER POLITICS echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Information Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Tapestry, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E.

Services: The TV/TS Tapestry is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/ Spiritual Values: Joy Helms, P.O. Box 1355, Princeton, NJ 08542.

Nature: A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

Nature: A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community.

Services: Publish Art and Illusion: a Guide to Crossdressing and LadyLike Magazine, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September.

Security: None.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

Nature: A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. $2.00 per copy; $12.00 per year.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.

Nature: A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions.

Services: Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community. There is a fee.

Security: Call or write.

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: C.I.G.I., Susan McIntyre, MSW ACSW, P.O. Box 12006, Des Moines IA 50412; (515) 277-7754.

Nature: C.I.G.I. offers professional and confidential counseling and supportive services to CDs, TSs, ANs, and others with gender related issues. Emphasizes fulfillment of each individual's potential.

Services: Individual and couple counseling, family therapy, educational services, referrals, resource listings/tapes, rap groups, grooming help, makeup tips. Advocacy and other gender related services available as necessary or requested.

Security: Emphasizes confidentiality, and respect.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

Nature: An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave, Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

Nature: TV/TS publishing house.

Services: Publishes TV/TS Talk bimonthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. TV/TS Talk is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues. $3.50 per issue; $21.00 per year.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Editor & Publisher.

Nature: Monthly non-sexual, non-fiction newsletter. Also publishes semi-annual Southern California resource guide.

Services: News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials, make-up and fashion tips, psychological insights, significant others column, original comic strips, national events listings, and feature articles. $21.00/year, $42.00/2 years (US - write for foreign rates). Sample issue $2.00.

Security: Mailing list kept confidential, accessed only by publisher.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P.O. Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

Services: News, events, photogramps, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles. $7.00

THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER: Chevalier Publications, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

Nature: A magazine for crossdressers designed to replace Transvestia.

FOCUS: FOCUS, c/o Stephen Roberts, P O Box 215354, Sacramento CA 95821

Nature: A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Provides a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make new friends.

TV GUISE: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Nature: Monthly newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available for $1.50 each plus a SASE. Does not accept advertising.

Does accept interactive submissions of letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems, etc.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O. 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

Nature: A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: T.T.T., 566 Parliament St, Toronto, ON M4X 1P8 Canada.

Nature: A monthly tabloid dedicated to transvestites and their followers.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Ant Building 2F 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-ku, Tokyo 136, Japan.

Nature: Publisher of Queen Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices unknown at press time.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES (SIECUS): SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St; Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036 (212) 819-9770 FAX (212) 819-9776

Nature: SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

Nature: J2CP provides information and referral services formerly provided by the Erickson Educational Foundation and the JANUS Information Facility.

Services: J2CP provides an information package consisting of pamphlets and literature concerning Gender Dysphoria Syndrome, transvestism, and transsexualism. This info package is available at a cost of $35.00 to cover research, printing, secretarial, and postage services. J2CP also provides referrals to reputable counselors, psychotherapists, gender programs, and peer groups near your home. Certified checks and money orders should be made payable to J2CP Information Services. Please specify whether you are M-F TS, F-M TS, or TV. If TS, please provide your place of birth.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Nature: Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

Services: Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: TGA, c/o Dr. Richard Ekins, Ulster University, Magee College, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JL, Northern Ireland.

Nature: A non-profit academic research and study facility.

Services: Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes Archive News a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230.

Nature: Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background.

Security: Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

I.F.G.E. HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: N. Cole, P O Box 241, Leavenworth KS 66048.

Nature: Historical research project sponsored by the IFGE Educational Resources committee. Researching the history of TV/TS organizations from 1950 to the present. The purposes are to capture the story of individuals and organizations, to create a permanent record, and provide a comprehensive education resource.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: Box 126, Northridge CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., Director, Department of Psychology, California State University Northridge, Northridge CA 91330; (818) 885-2828.

Nature: Individual and marital counselling for TVs, TSs, and their significant others; research on gender issues.

Services: Counselling and research on gender issues. (Dr. Richard Doctor's new book, Transvestites and Transsexuals: Toward a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior is now available from I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778. $29.50 plus $2.50 shipping and handling.)

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2.) To provide non-members with a source of support and communications.
3.) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the Crossdressing/Transsexual Community.

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   (C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
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MASSACHUSETTS (010- 027-)

JANICE H. (E MA) (#59)

Member: TCNE, Tri-Ess, TV Entertainers, NY
Participant: Fantasia Fair
Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, write to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."
Janice H. (MA-0254)

AUDREY M. (E MA) (#58)
Member: TCNE
MWM bi-TV, 54, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."
Neil Moses, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134 (MA-0280)

VALERIE VINCENT (E MA) (#59)

Member: TCNE, IFGE.
5' 10", 150, blue eyes, make attractive looking woman. Wear finger nails over one inch long. Interested in all things feminine, corresponding to TVs, TSs and women. "Want to meet women and TSs who find TVs attractive and interesting to be with for talks, shopping, lunch, fun, and friendship. TS tendencies. Will correspond with TVs, TSs, and women."
Occupant, Box 8341, JFK Station, Boston MA 02114 (MA-0273)

SUZANNE C. (E MA) (#57)
Member: TCNE
DWM, over 50, strong TS tendencies. Interests include computers, cooking, being Suzie as much as possible; would love to be a housewife. "I much prefer my feminine self and live at home as a woman, although I must still work as a man. I feel completely comfortable and natural as Suzie and always think and act as a woman. I would be delighted to hear from you."
Suzanne C. (MA-0295)

SHARON McGRATH (MA) (#56)
Member: TCNE
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Tiffany P'town Outings
WM, 34, 5'6", 140, TV-TS. "I enjoy everything feminine; love going out dressed for shopping and travel. Would like to meet and correspond with others her age with same interests."
Ms. Sharon McGrath (MA-0504)

EVE B. (E MA) (#60)
Member: Tri-Ess
Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and have had Virginia Prince as visitor in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."
Eve B. (MA-0508)

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (E MA) (#58)
Member: TCNE
MWM, 40, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, transsexual inclinations. Interested in music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running. "I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun."
Heather A. (MA-0661)

HOLLY CROSS (MA) (#99)

IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff
Member: TCNE
Participant: Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing
SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Is fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, and has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a 'hell' of a good time. "I try to answer all the interesting letters, but no guarantee."
Holly C. (MA-0279)

CHRISTINA SMITH (MA) (#57)

Member: TCNE

5'11", 175, brown hair & eyes. Enjoys all feminine things, especially makeup, wigs, and high fashion clothing. "I love the process of transforming myself into a woman. Since I rarely go out in public I tend to create a fantasy look . . . heavy makeup and sexy wigs. Would love to meet others who can teach me more about wig styling and makeup techniques. Will answer all who write with photo."

Christy Smith (MA-0649)

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON (E MA) (#56)

Member: TCNE, IFGE.

Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing, Hobie Cats gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with cross-dressers in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."

Judith T. (MA-0733)

MARCIA JOHNSON (E MA) (#59)

Member: TCNE.

Participant: Tiffany Club's Provincetown Outing.

5'9", 140, 42, shoulder-length blond hair. Attractive in-between would like to hear from other in-betweens who enjoy shopping, dining and dancing, and weekend getaways.

Marcia J. (MA-0666)

SUSAN ELIZABETH R. (MA) (#57)

SWM TV, 53, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, 40's and 50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

Susan Elizabeth R. (MA-0839)

VALERIE PAULSEN (E MA) (#59)

Member: Tiffany Club of New England.

Awards: Fantasia Fair Ms Cinderella '85

Divorced intersexual. 45, 5'11", 145. Enjoy rock and new music, movies, science, SF, night life, dancing, beaches. Never watch TV. Passionate entrepreneurial interest in laser show technology. "Love to meet someone to share all this with, and maybe more. I don't date men."

Valerie Paulsen, P.O. Box 259, Watertown, MA 02272-0259 (MA-0780)

RACHEL L. (MA) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

Attended: Fantasia Fair, Be All.

"Mature male (late fifties) with transgender lifestyle desires to meet persons with transgender interests for long-term friendships and possibly shared living arrangement in Boston and/or Provincetown areas. Varied interests and serious discussion desired. Let's explore the mature years together."

Boxholder, P O Box 645, Charlestown MA 02129 (MA-0842)

SUE FANON (W MA) (#60)

SWM TV, 35, 5'10", 160, brown eyes & hair, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine whenever I can. Would like to meet other TVs, TSs and understanding women who could help with makeup, wardrobe, femininity, etc. Would consider honest relationship with right person. Will answer most letters."

Boxholder, P O Box 2432, Pittsfield MA 01201 (MA-0983)

MICHELLE LANGE (E MA) (#57)

MWM, 40, 6', brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests include current events, sports, chess, household duties, and everything feminine. Intelligent, imaginative, and daring person seeking a friendship with nice, caring, sincere person. "I am an avid collector of TV, domination, and discipline stories, and would like to share them with a similar person."

Boxholder, Box 1065, Burlington, MA 01803 (MA-1008)

LISA COPPER (E MA) (#57)

SWM, 29, 5'10", 22. "I like to dress at home. Looking for a woman that can understand and to help me dress and look my best. Also like to meet TV/TS for friends."

Lisa Copper, P.O. Box 415, Wakefield, MA 01880 (MA-1202)

CHARLENE MANN (MA) (#58)

Member: TCNE

Friendly, outgoing human service professional and software developer, live and work in my chosen gender role. Compulsively constructive, with a generally accurate "feel" for what works and a sense of humor. Enjoy writing, bicycling, cooking, sewing, and time with friends. Would like to meet or correspond with other TSs (both directions) working in human services, both MH and MR. (I'm a slow but sure respondent.)

Charlene Mann (MA-1237)

ROBIN OLSEN (SE MA) (#57)

5'9", 145, brown hair, blue eyes. "I am interested in writing to and meeting all who are serious TS. Please write for mutual support, leading up to the final change, which I am ready for."

Robin O. (MA-1353)

LILA WALTON (MA) (#58)

"I go out nearly every Saturday night to dances. Naturally inclined this way, I do pass well and enjoy being accepted. Dancing partners ask me to go out with them. I am very interested in movies and in acting. I played the main role in a locally produced movie last year. I love to be out among people in nice places. I like to talk, and I listen."

L. Walton, P O Box 36, Harvard, MA 01451 (MA-1381)

EDITH S. (MA) (#59)

MWM, TS, 48, three children, investment counselor. Interests include squash, tennis, acting, travel, outdoor work, classical music. "I would like to talk with or meet TSs/TVs of similar background and situation to discuss how to cope with spouse, children, job, and M to F transition."

Edith S. (MA-1519)

ARLENE SUSAN L. (E MA) (#59)

MWM hetero closet TV, 47, 5'10", 205.

"I love dressing completely as a woman. Especially love nylons, heels, and lingerie. Am cautiously venturing into the beautiful world of femininity, after many years in the closet. I love my femininity and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

Arlene L. (MA-1648)

DIANE D. (E MA) (#56)

5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in Macintosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

Diane D. (MA-1776)

MARGARITA AMANDA R. (E MA) (#60)

Participant: Coming Together '90, '91, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92.

Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, pretty and lacy feminine attire, riding the Boston T cross-dressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually if not promptly answer."

Margarita R. (MA-1815)

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND (SE MA) (#57)

Member: Tiffany, IFGE

Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair

Married, 6', 170, 44 year old CD with fashionable tastes, low budget, and enthusiastic. Interested in crossdressing, CD videos, sports, developing a support group for CDs in SE MA region. "So far, I've received inspiration from numerous responses. Will meet as a group for first time soon. Join us. Write now!"

Chrystal Raymond (MA-1923)

LISA C. (MA) (#57)

MWM, 33, 5'8". Lisa is willing to help others become happy too. "I have just started to realize that to be truly happy, I must accept that one is what one

is. Would like to meet others at this stage of 'becoming.'"

Lisa C. (MA-1956)

DIANA J. (E MA) (#57)

Cover girl in early '70's for Transvestia. About size 16, have had electrolysis, and have taken estrogens off and on for 20 years. "I enjoy being a girl! Interests include golf, canoeing, reading, writing, and living!! I also enjoy the company of my grandson."

Diana J. (MA-1999)

KATHY MASTERS (MA) (#59)

Early 40's, 5'11", WM Paramedical, loves to help people. "Love balance between masculine and feminine. Secure in masculine world, need security in feminine lifestyle. Honest, perfect shoulder to cry on. Expert in London TV shops. Corsets, maids' costumes, and elegant dressing are my passions. Seek communication, meetings, and help from sisters."

Occupant, P O Box 558, Bolton, MA 01740 (MA-2038)

LAUREN D. (MA) (57)

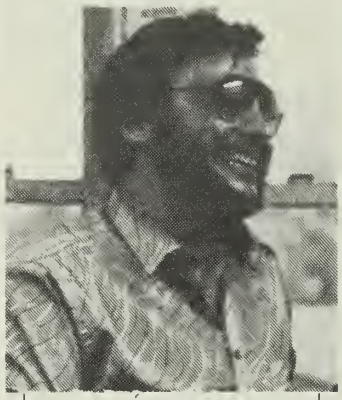
5'10", 185, 30, married, hetero, monogamous CD with supportive wife. Enjoy most sports, camping, crossdressing, and improving my image. "My wife and I wish to correspond and possibly meet with other CD couples in the North Shore area for friendship, understanding, and helping. Will answer all."

Lauren D. (MA-2047)

ERIN ANNE O. (E. MA) (#57)

SWM TV, 23, 5'9", 165. Loves alternative music, friends, and all aspects of femininity, especially dressing. "Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs. Send photos if possible. Discretion assured & required. Need help dressing."

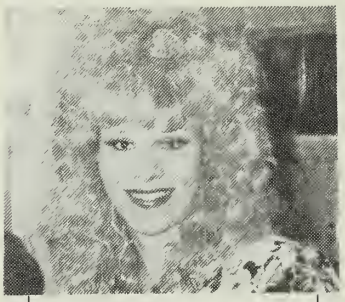
Erin O. (MA-2094)



LES N. (E MA) (#57)

Post-op F-M, 30's. "Looking for correspondence to make lasting friendships with other F-MTSs, and with GGs."

Les N., P O Box 123, Wakefield MA 01880 (MA-2124)



DIANA S. DWYER (W MA) (#58)

Single CD, 25, 5'11", heterosexual. "I'm passable, but need to make more friends in the gender community. I've had a difficult time finding a positive support group. I have received many letters telling me how pretty I am. I answer, if I am so attractive, then how come I am alone most of the time? I encourage all in the gender community to write, as well as any real women."

Diana Dwyer, P O Box 4104, Pittsfield MA 01202 (MA-2146)

BOBBIE DAVIES (W MA) (#58)

MWM, 42, hetero. Interested in tennis, martial arts, anything feminine. "Hi! My name is Bobbie. I've been a TV as long as I can remember. Love lingerie, negligees, and being a woman. I wear bra and panties every day, and soft silky negligees to bed at night. My wife knows, does not understand, but accepts me as I am. Need to be a woman. Need a pen pal for girl talk. Write soon."

Bobbie Davies, P O Box 1518, Pittsfield MA 01201 (MA-2238)

NANCY REYNOLDS (E MA) (#58)

Member: IFGE, Tiffany Club
Attended: Fantasia Fair, Texas 'T' Party, Coming Together.

Friendly. Interested in anyone with a six-figure income (good heart, sharp mind, pretty smile are acceptable substitutes). "I'm new to our community, and would enjoy hearing from others who are contemplating 'coming out.' A sunny 'Hi!' to all the beautiful ladies it has been my pleasure to meet."

Nancy Reynolds (MA-2160)

ROBYN GOLDSTEIN (E MA) (#58)

Member: Tiffany Club

MWM hetero TV, 42, 5'7", 160. Extremely supportive wife. 3 kids. "My wife and I, as a couple, would like to correspond with other couples wrestling with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. I go out once a month to malls and restaurants, sometimes accompanied by my wife."

Robyn Goldstein, P O Box 6211, Boston MA 02114 (MA-2208)

JOY SPENCER (MA) (#60)

Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have cross-dressed for as long as I can remember, and have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Would like to correspond with individuals or couples who are traveling the road to acceptance. Have adopted the name Joy because that is what I hope to find with acceptance."

Joy S. (MA-2530)

JENNIFER EDWARDS (SE MA) (#59)

Member: IFGE.
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Paradise in Poconos, IFGE Convention.

In 60's, 5'10", 150, size 16. Interested in sewing, writing both fiction and nonfiction, photography, computers, sailing, gardening, and wines. "Eager to write to and meet others of all interests. Would like to form Cape Cod area group."

Jennifer E. (MA-2249)

RISE CARMEN (NE MA) (#57)

MWM, Bi, closet TV, 6', dark brown hair and eyes. Loves femme clothes and dressing. "Would like to meet other Bi TVs in the NE MA, southern NH, and southern ME areas."

Boxholder, P O Box 13, Essex MA 01929 (MA-2615)

DOMINIQUE BROWN (N MA) (#57)

Member: TCNE
Participant: 'Coming Together'

MWM, hetero, CD, 38, 5'10", 195, dresses conservatively. Wife trying to cope with CD activities but does not participate. Interested in defining and

refining Dominique and to offer and receive support. "Want to form support group in E Canada. Interested in hearing from all, especially attendees of IFGE Convention in Boston for a reunion."

Dominique Brown (MA-2650)

KAREN F. (E MA) (#57)

Member: Tiffany Club of NE

MWM, TV, 40, 6', 200, grey hair and blue eyes, size 20. "I am in recreation, like travel, computers, photography, art, music, people. Barely out of the closet, love to dress in lingerie, lace, and petticoats. Need help from sisters to pass in public. Dressing makes me feel content, expressive of my inner self, and pretty. Seek correspondence and photos. Please write."

Karen F. (MA-2725)

MARIE ALLEN (E MA) (#60)

Member: Tiffany Club of New England.

5'10", 190. Interested in golf, computers, designing clothes, modeling outfits, hostessing with a friend. "Am somewhat out of the closet, have passed (I think) on several occasions. Write TV fantasies about boys who are encouraged to wear girls' clothes by one or both parents. The heroines wind up loving it and becoming the parents' daughter."

Marie Allen (MA-2729)

DIANE C. (E MA) (#57)

45 year old, happily married heterosexual crossdresser, Ph.D., educated, executive. Wife tolerates crossdressing, but not in her presence. "Have always dressed in private, but would now like to meet someone to dress with as a prelude to attending a CD convention or weekend. I emulate socialites, my feminine role models, in my interests (fashion and the arts). Avidly seeking correspondence."

Diane C. (MA-2751)

KAY LEE (MA) (#60)

MWM, 6', 185, mid 40's, hetero. Married to understanding wife, but not in her presence. Interested in body building, sailing, learning anything about my feminine self. "Have been dressing since twelve, but have not had a full dressing experience. Spent last year in therapy looking for who I am. Just joined a group. Am finding out about the real me and wish to correspond with others who find this as much of a struggle as I do. As the song says, 'Let it Be.'"

Kay Lee (MA-2787)

LISA STEPHANIE ALLEN (E MA) (#57)

SWM, 30, 6',175. Interested in dressing up, fishing, camping, running, reading. "I am trying to come out of the closet. Would like to meet others doing the same. Looking for a roommate to share an apartment in Norwood area. Currently living with parents (you know how that can be!!!). Please drop a line for friendly chat."

Lisa Stephanie A. (MA-2810)

KAREN M. (NE MA) (#57)

WM TV, 36, 6'1", 1, blonde, blue eyes. "I love the feeling of becoming a beautiful woman. Only dress when I have the opportunity to do it right. Would like to meet other CDs in the Boston area to share this experience. Am told I am attractive and passable. Will respond to all sincere letters with photo."

Karen M. (MA-2822)

JOAN R. (E MA) (#58)

35, 6', mostly hetero, somewhat passable. "Enjoy escaping from the stresses of profession by dining and clubbing at nice places. Undergoing experiential learning explosion after all these years of repression. Loving wife struggling to understand, but supportive. Remembering the anguish before discovering IFGE, Tapestry, TCNE, etc., I would like to help."

Joan R. (MA-2841)

ROBIN W. (SE MA) (#57)

"Seeking guidance and perfection for transformation. Interested in exotic lingerie, religious origins, sexual diversity, sling, magick, pursuit of wealth. Would like to establish support group on Martha's Vineyard. Would like to hear from anyone. Wife has knowledge, understanding, and helps. Coming out of my closet and need to be with others similar to myself. I am a secretive and private person, trustworthy and discreet."

Robin W. (MA-2845)

SUZANNE H. (NW MA) (#58)

43, trim, 156. Interested in jogging, shopping. "I love modeling evening gowns. I am looking for a friend to help bring out the best of both of us. Can travel to meet new friends. I am still in the closet and would like to share my first evening out with a friend. Have been dressing for years."

Suzanne H., P O Box 209, Pinehurst MA 01866 (MA-2866)

DANIEL L. (E MA) (#58)

Masculine white male, 37, 6', 195, brown hair, brown eyes. Airline employee, recreational traveler. "I am interested in corresponding with, and meeting pretty, petite, together TVs or pre-op TSs in Boston, Chicago, D.C., and other major North American cities, for a lady companion, tour guide. I enjoy nightlife, dinner, dancing, and intimate evenings together."

Daniel L. (MA-2924)

TRACI S. (MA) (#58)

Member: TCNE

SW Pre-op TS, 30, 5'2", 115, brunette, hazel eyes, passable, 4/5. "The lifelong female side of me is finally happening and I love every aspect of it. Must work in male drag for now. Recently branched out to clubs, restaurants, and shopping malls, but look forward to attending some TV/TS events. Looking for passable TV/TSs for straight nightclub scene, and to correspond for support."

Traci S., Box 143, Medway MA 02053 (MA-2942)

SHARON LOVELY (MA) (#59)

Member: Tiffany Club of New England.

5'6", medium build, blue eyes, black hair, 29, WM, bi TV. Interested in dressing, fishing, and shopping. "I would like to have a sisterly relationship with a TV my age. Will correspond with TVs too far away to meet."

Sharon Lovely, P O Box 235, Worcester MA 01613 (MA-3122)

STEPHANIE PETERS (MA) (#58)

33, 5'4", married to supportive wife. Interested in meeting others who share my lifelong fascination with successful transformation of males into beautiful females. "Would like to correspond and exchange photos with passable CDs, TVs, and TSs."

Stephanie P. (MA-3031)

CHRISTINE KORDA (MA) (#58)

Member: TCNE, Tri-Ess.

Participated in TCNE P'town Outing.

Bi CD, computer programmer, musician, artist, peace activist, and vegetarian Buddhist. Want to meet interesting, creative people. "My interests include history, politics, philosophy, photography, and art films. Summer in Provincetown doing volunteer AIDS work and studying the Tarot. Enjoy going out dressed and dancing, especially with sensitive, attractive men."

Christine K. (MA-3044)

GEORGIA A. (MA) (#58)

Bi, W, married, novice TV, 5'11", 190 and losing. Interested in camping, bowling, writing, movies, auto rallies,

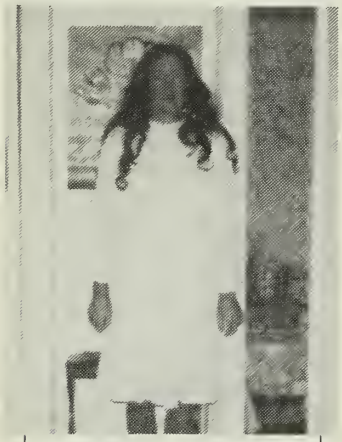
astronomy, new age music, and making new friends. "Would like to meet people in New England. My wife is not understanding, so I must be discreet. Need help in learning how to become a woman. All letters will be answered."

Georgia A. (MA-3074)

MICHELLE C. (MA) (#59)

DWM, 5'9", 165, brown eyes, long black hair. Interested in shopping, learning makeup, and projecting a better image. "Drifted away for a few years, would now like to pick up where I left off. Would like to become an active member of our society again, meet and correspond with others with feminine interests. Please write."

Occupant, P O Box 801, Marlboro MA 01752 (MA-3139)



DENISE S. (MA) (#59)

DWM, CD, 40, 5'8", 140. Interested in nature, gardening, tennis, acceptance of life path. "Need courage and support to get out of closet. Wish to meet accepting women, TV/TS in western Mass., for friendship and guidance. Want to learn how to deal with these desires, and how to integrate the two different people I am, depending on the clothes worn."

Boxholder, P O Box 60524, Florence MA 01060 (MA-3143)

ALYCIA DAVIS (MA) (#60)

Member: IFGE.

Attended: Fantasia Fair '91 - Ms Cinderella.

Pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 145, 42. Interested in oil painting, guitar, writing. "Just starting 'my' life. Wish to meet or correspond with others traveling the same path, or who have arrived."

Alycia Davis (MA-3210)

APRIL SUZANNE H. (MA) (#59)

MWM, 35, TV/TS, 5'10", 155, CD since age 5. Happily married, very supportive spouse, no children. Interested in being femme, hiking, motorsports, music, reading, and science. "Intelligent, friendly, and caring. Dress constantly at home, occasionally in public. Working on getting out more. Would like to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Will accept support, and give what help I can. Please write."

A. S. Hilliard, P O Box 1044, Charlton City MA 01508-1044 (MA-3216)

ROBERTA STEEL (MA) (#59)

Member: CT Outreach Society, TCNE.

6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, a Western Mass TV/TS support group. "Am now on way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Would like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in Western Mass."

Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01039 (MA-3247)

KEVIN M. (MA) (#60)

29, attractive, SWM. Interested in bicycling, hiking, camping out, sports, and history. "Former gender dysphoric empathetic to transsexual issues. Seeking transsexual for permanent relationship."

Kevin M. (MA-3277)

ALICE W. (MA) (#59)

SWM, 5'8", 160, 35. Interested in reading, cooking, music, and hiking. "Cross-dressing since childhood. Still very much in closet, but willing to explore. Would like to correspond and possibly meet. Will answer all letters."

Alice W. (MA-3279)

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

BARBARA ALEXANDRE (RI) (#57)

Member: TCNE

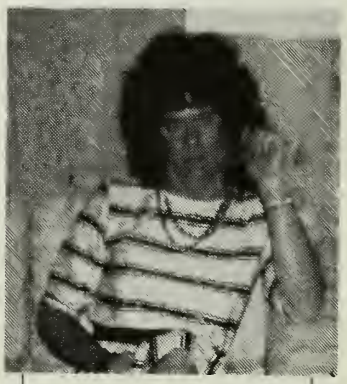
DBiW TV. "Would enjoy exchange of letters, photos/tapes with other TVs in R.I./So. Mass. area. I present a passible figure. Mid-40's and in shape. I like sun bathing, dancing, evenings out, especially in Cape Cod area during summer. Drinking and smoking OK. I particularly enjoy dressing up for all those who appreciate 'complete transformation' en femme, photo sessions and ?! SASE gets photo and reply."

Barbara A. (RI-0313)

ANDREA K. (RI) (#60)

5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in Sci-Fi, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

Andrea K. (RI-1771)



CHARLY OLSON (RI) (#58)

Member: Rhode Island Society

6', 175. Interested in fishing, boating, and of course spending as much time as possible as Charly. "Interested in meeting others in the local area and hoping to help organize a local support group. Love to exchange photos and make new friends. I've been 29 years old for the last 11 years!"

Charly Olson, P O Box 1140, Coventry RI 02816 (RI-2157)

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER (RI) (#56)

Participant: Coming Together

5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Hobbies include reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "I like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

Gwendolyn Spencer, P O Box 3453, Newport RI 02840 (RI-2207)

STEPHANIE S. (RI) (#57)

MWM, TV, 5'11", 180, 33, professional. Compassionate wife trying to understand. Coming out of closet. Probably passable. Interested in History, reading, motorcycles, running, computers, shopping for feminine attire and dressing en femme. "Interested in corresponding. Particularly in need of contact with those who have been able to overcome their guilt. We want to write and meet couples working on CD issues. We are slow but consistent correspondents!"

Stephanie S. (RI-2693)

MONIKA (MA) (59)

TV, Married, seeks non-sexual, social contacts.

Monika (MA-3264)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-

ANDREA L. (S NH) (#58)

SWM, 25, 5'9", 155. Interested in science, movies, shopping, jogging, bicycling. "Recently moved to the Nashua area and would like some friends for mutual support and excursions into the real world. My girlfriend accepts who I am but does not want to go out with me because of possible repercussions. Would also like to hear from couples who could help my girlfriend understand and cope better."

Andrea L. (NH-1210)

JODI B. (NH) (#59)

WM TV, 30's, 6', 200. Interested in athletics, linguistics, beekeeping, running, ephemera, gadgetry, and history.

"Adventurous, curious, open-minded individual new to area seeks contacts with people in our unique community who have humor, compassion, and discretion."

Jodi B. (NH-1457)

DIANE O. (NH) (#58)

White male TV, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in everything from a to z. "Looking for a TV, TS, or GG who would like to help me finally to get out and do things. I am in need of a friend. Please send photo and phone. Will answer all."

Diane O. (NH-1476)

MONICA WHITNEY (NH) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

TV, 30ish, 6', statuesque build. Interested in sports, photography, music, being Monica. "Love the feeling that being Monica brings to me. Looking for supportive sisters to correspond and meet with. Have opened the closet door several times, just need a little nudge to get me through. If possible, send photo."

Monica W. (NH-1528)

DAWN A. (NH) (#61)

MWM, 6', 195, 59, pre-op TS. "I have not started to dress full time yet but am doing well on electrolysis and hormones. I enjoy shopping, walking, 50's music and good company. I will answer all letters."

Dawn A. (NH-2206)

CLAIRE DANIELLE (NH) (#58)

DWM, 5'8", 135, brown hair/eyes, size 9. "Slowly attempting to live as I feel most comfortable. Seek honest help and support."

Bobby, P O Box 478, Wilton NH 03086 (NH-2188)

ALISON H. (formerly MICHELLE HALL) (NH) (#60)

Member: TCNE

Participant: Coming Together '90

Awards: "Miss Cinderella," Fantasia Fair, '90

Single, 5'9", 140, 41, trim and fit, and passable. Quiet, sensitive, articulate, excited about exploring my female self. Interested in personal growth, wholistic lifestyle. "I'm an aerobatics pilot, artist, software engineer, and writer. I enjoy meeting intelligent, articulate, sensitive people, and have made many new friends through my gender exploration."

Alison H. (NH-2490)

RITA MOSES (NH) (#58)

Bi, WM, TV, 26, 5'10". Pass 50%. Doing electrolysis. "Wish to exchange photo and phone with same in New England for correspondence and outings shopping, dining, clubs, . . . Want to explore the scene for TV/TS in Boston. Seek long-term friendships and relationships. Will date exceptional guys."

Rita M. (NH-3090)

BEVERLY ROSS (NH) (#60)

SWM, 5'9", 215 (and losing), late 30's, TV. Interested in music, movies, cooking, weekend get-aways. "I've been crossdressing since age 12. I'm still in the closet and am looking to build relationships to help me come out and be me. Intelligent, articulate, and discreet. I'm very sentimental, realistic, and compassionate. Hope some day to attend P-town."

Beverly R. (NH-2858)

DANIE M. (NH) (#58)

Blonde, blue eyed petite, 5'7", 127, 8-9, leggy, passable TV, with ultra femme figure. Interested in music, female behavior and grooming. "Have wonderful male/female friends who understand and appreciate me as a 'woman.' I believe you cannot have too many friends. I love people. Would like to hear from anyone interested in general change. Cannot promise, but will try to answer all."

Danie M., P O Box 16161, Hooksett NH 03106-6161 (NH-3161)

MAINE (038- 047-)

DIANE L. (ME) (#60)

MM, TV, 30, 6'2", couldn't pass on a bet, supportive wife. Interested in theater, reading (Heinlein, Baum, Clancy, Hooker), Trivial Pursuit and a good pizza. "I am just now beginning to accept the feminine side of myself, and I'm still scared. I would like to correspond, with the goal of meeting others who could help me accept myself as I feel I am. I would like to join a group, but don't know how to go about it. Thank you."

Diane L. (ME-2815)

FREDA F. (ME) (#58)

TV, 5'8", 180, 47. "Understanding wife. Second marriage. Would like to hear from and meet others in the northeast. I travel throughout the northeast."

Freda F. (ME-2985)

WENDI LYNN KAISER (S ME) (#58)

Member: Transsupport

Participant: Fantasia Fair '89,'90, Coming Together '90

Single, post-op TS, 5'7". Enjoys walking, cooking, music, shopping, reading. "I have been wrestling with reality for most of my life. I am pleased to say that I have won."

Wendi Kaiser, P O Box 67, S. Berwick ME 03908 (ME-2034)

DEBBIE PURRINGTON (S ME) (#57)

31, 5'11". Enjoys good conversation, dining out, travel, movies, reading, dressing. "Would really like hearing from people who would enjoy having a new friend. Interested in both written correspondence and meeting new people. Willing to help new sisters with makeup or going out for their first night on the town. Will answer all who write."

Debbie P. (ME-2763)

LYNDA ANNE V. (ME) (#58)

Member: TransSupport.

MWM, TS, 5'9", 50's, fair, blue eyes. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, acoustic guitar, Romantic novels,

and being feminine. "Have crossdressed since early age, often in public in last ten years. Passable, but family situation and small town location prevent my going out locally. Seeking TV/TS girlfriends, mid-coast area or lower ME to correspond or dress."

Lynda Anne V. (ME-3007)

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H. (VT) (#58)

Participant: Tiffany P-town Outing, Tiffany Winter Outing, Poconos Weekend, Texas T-party.

"I am enjoying my female self no end, and getting better at it all the time. Out of the closet regularly. Kids and young girls read me but who cares? I'd like to hear from others and try to be helpful as much as I can. I answer all mail promptly."

Helene H. (VT-2021)

PHYLLIS C. (VT) (#57)

MWM, 50, 6', 180. "I would like to meet and correspond with TV's from Vermont. Interested in dressing with like-minded sisters. Will answer all mail ASAP."

Phyllis C. (VT-2205)

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

RENEE CARROLL (CT) (#60)

Member: NWGA, Crossroads

SWM hetero TV, 40+, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Other pursuits include cooking, travel, outdoors, photography.

Renee C. (CT-0292)

ANDREA G. (CT) (#56)

Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "I would like to develop some friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

Andrea G. (CT-0425)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER (CT) (#57)

SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to cross-dress. Would like to meet couples and females for girl talk and friendships. I live alone in a small house in the country."

Carla G. (CT-0212)

DARLENE S. ROSS (CT) (#59)

MWM hetero closet TV, 5'8", 165, 50's (appears younger), retired, gentle, sincere. Enjoys dressing & being feminine, loves heels, shoes, lingerie, jewelry. Wife not supportive, but aware. Interested in sports, music, reading & travel. "Not passable. Like to correspond with all. (Photo preferred.) Especially those in NE. Meet for friendship, support and sharing."

Darlene S. Ross, 167 Cherry St, Suite 114, Milford CT 06460 (CT-0838)

DAWN H. (CT) (#57)

DWM, 44, 5'9", 150, TS oriented. Enjoy camping, water skiing, 50's and 60's music, cars, and of course, learning to be the woman I want to be. "Interested in understanding and getting a handle on my feminine side. Want to hear from people in SE CT and RI, whom I can possibly help, and who can help me. Will answer all serious letters."

Dawn H. (CT-0858)

SAL CARBONE (CT) (#58)

Member: ETVC

Retired life-long TV with understanding wife. "Would enjoy hearing how others started dressing and what they do now."

Sal Carbone, P O Box 8150, Manchester CT 06040 (CT-1272)

SUSAN MACDONALD (CT) (#58)

Member: CGS & COS.

6'1 3/4" 155, 45, M-F TS. Interested in tracker action pipe organs, model railroading, cats, the outdoors, and cool forests. Especially like to go out to concerts and recitals. "Have found one of the greatest satisfactions to be helping others in their quest for gender congruence. Would love to hear from both novice and advanced TVs and TSs. GGs welcome too."

Susan M. (CT-1463)

MICHELLE KAY (CT) (#63)

Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, late 40's. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."

Michelle Kay, P O Box 679, Avon CT 06001 (CT-1490)

RACHEL F. BOYCE (CT) (#60)

Member: Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife is supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "I love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will correspond with all who write. Love to share stories of life's adventures."

Ms Rachel F. Boyce, P O Box 985, Windsor CT 06095 (CT-1903)

DIANE MAYNARD (CT) (#57)

Member: Connecticut View

DWM TV, 48, 5'6", 145. "Have been crossdressing for 40 yrs. I live by myself and enjoy going to parties dressed. Am looking for correspondence and companionship."

R. G. Maynard, P O Box 169, Somersville CT 06072 (CT-1812)

RAMONA G. (S CT) (#57)

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Coming Together, P-town Outing.

62, 5'11", 180, MWM Hetero TV. "Love to meet or write others. Enjoy oil painting, shopping, and dressing. Like to go to outings to be a lady. Wife understands, and helps in shopping, etc. Oldest daughter understands and helps. I enjoy being able to talk to them about feminine subjects."

Ramona G., P O Box 171, Montville CT 06353 (CT-1948)

RONI THOMPSON (CT) (#59)

Masculine, muscular, professional male. "I would love to wine, dine, and dance with any passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."

Ron Thompson, Box 5962 Bayview Station Bridgeport CT 06610 (CT-2477)

LORI Z. (CT) (#60)

6', 190, 60's. Healthy, educated, with a sensuous attitude. "Would like to share my femininity with TV/TS females and couples. Please write so we can explore our femininity together."

Lori Z. (CT-2610)

DIANE D. (CT) (#58)
Member: COS
SWM TV. Size 18 ultra tall. Age 36. Interested in golf, skiing, six years 12 step experience. "New to scene. Complete transformation only recently. CD off and on for many years. Have a long way to go. Looking forward to the journey and some friends to share it with. Discreet. Will answer all ASAP with photo, phone, and note."
Diane D. (CT-2962)

HEATHER M. (CT) (#59)
Bi SWM. Interested in dressing, pool, making friends. "Coming out this time for real. Would like to meet all interested in becoming friends and supporters."
N. Milles, P O Box 4124, Yalesville CT 06492 (CT-3218)

MICHELLE WINTERS (CT) (#59)
Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess.
Attended: Holiday En Femme '88, Be All '89, '90. Awarded Youngest Member Tri-Ess '88.
Hetero TV, 21, 5'8", 125, very passable. Interested in music, reading, Sci-Fi and Fantasy, astronomy. "Am looking to correspond and meet with other TV/TSs for friendship and going out dressed. Caring and understanding. Would like to help others to accept their special gift."
Michelle W. (CT-3221)

ANDREA STEVENS (CT) (#59)
Member: Connecticut Outreach Society
Happily married, hetero CD, 5'8", 155, early 40's, quiet and sincere professional. Interested in running and cycling, reading and skiing. "After twenty years in closet, recently joined support group. Like heels, hose, petticoats, and pretty dresses. Wife aware and tolerant. She tries to understand, but is not enthusiastic. Would like to hear from couples who have been able to develop a balanced approach to crossdressing."
Andrea S. (CT-3244)

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

SUZIE M. (N NJ) (#60)
MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels. "Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."
Suzie M. (NJ-0686)

ELENA LEWIS (NJ) (#57)
Member: Girls Night Out
Single TV, trim and petite. Intelligent, sensitive. "Weekends are my special time. Active in NYC TG community. Seek friendship/ relationship with mature man, based on dignity, respect, and shared values. Encourage others to write. Perhaps we could double date?"
Elena Lewis, P O Box 4805, Clifton NJ 07015 (NJ-1200)

LISA MARTIN (N NJ) (#57)
Attended Fantasia Fair '90 & '91. "I am a MWM, 6'1", 175 lb. crossdresser. I choose to nurture thefemale side of my nature and love feminine dressing, especially heels. I'd like to develop some correspondents and friends for mutual sharing, support, and possible shopping and club outings. The glass is half full. Some of my other interests include psychology, shopping, running, tennis, dancing, and the beach."
Lisa M. (NJ-1853)

ARLETTE W. (NJ) (#57)
SWM, TV, 5'6", 38, slim, passable. Sincere, mature, and discreet. Feminine and affectionate. "Enjoy dating guys, but like going out with other girls more. Enjoy entertaining at home, and visiting. My philosophy is, 'Don't just dream about it - do it!' If you're from NJ or nearby, let's get together, and have some fun (phone number, please). Also, I have a spare room in my house - will consider suitable roommate."
Arlette W., Box 225, Holmdel NJ 07733 (NJ-1894)

KATHERINE H. (N NJ) (#57)
Member: TGIC
Participant: Fantasia Fair , IFGE Convention, Be All, Coming Out, Spring Fling.
6', brown hair, pre-op TS. Loves music, humor, corresponding, and helping others. Do stand-up comedy, Broadway poetry, and all things feminine. Rap group moderator. Love to travel (by car), love housework, gardening, talking, and answering letters.
Katherine H. (NJ-2073)

DEE J. (NJ) (#58)
Member: TGIC
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Poconos Weekend (Runner-up Miss Pocono, '91), P'town Outing '90 & '91.
SWM, TS, 6'0", 47, 170, educated, friend of Bill W. 8 years. Interested in photography, going out, dancing, video, stock cars. "Dressing since teens. Stopped many times. Have wardrobe, dress almost daily. Wish to meet TV/TSs, and those who care about us."
Dee J. (NJ-2337)

GINA R. (NJ) (#58)
Member: IFGE
MWM, hetero, TV, 38, 5'11", 210 (and dieting). Interested in cooking, literature, all films, and TV/TS fiction. "Enjoy corresponding with fellow TVs and TSs. Wife knows, but is not very supportive. We all must bloom where we are planted, however. Love complete transformation, and seek a gentle, earthy, feminine look. Will answer all."
Gina R. (NJ-2278)

SHARON DAVIDSON (N NJ) (#59)
Member: the Gathering.
46, pre-op TS, married, wife very accepting. Nine-year-old son loves Sharon. Interested in family and drum and bugle corps. "Starting therapy and hormones soon. Would like to meet and write to other TSs, particularly in Northern NJ. Will help all I can. Live mostly as Sharon."
Sharon D. (NJ-2342)

TERRY M. (S NJ) (#59)
Member: Renaissance
Participant: Poconos Weekend, Paradise in the Poconos
Single male CD, 37, 5'8", brown eyes & hair. "Very grateful to be out of the closet. I have enjoyed much growth and self-acceptance through interaction

and sharing with other gender people."
Terry M. (NJ-2400)

ANNE CONNOLLY (NJ) (#57)

Member: Chi Delta Mu of Tri-Ess.
Lifelong, hetero TV, 40's, 5'11", 148, recently widowed, single parent. Interested in poetry, dreams, the dance of intimacy, baseball, board games, military history, and religious thought. "Love the lush, crisp feeling of feminine immersion. Seeking sympathetic Ms or Fs to share relaxed conversation, thoughtful correspondence, sociable company at home or in public. Admire humor, nerve, style. Will answer all."
Anne Connolly, P O Box 51, Convent Station NJ 07961 (NJ-2797)

JOANNE MICHELLE W. (NJ) (#61)

Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess.
Bi SWM, TV, 35, 6'3", 220. Brown hair and eyes. Pass well. Open-minded, sincere. Interested in photography, writing, everything feminine, horror movies, and shopping. "Would like to correspond/meet other TVs, TSs so I can be the lady I am. Like to hear from members of the transgendered community. Seek to come out. Will answer all. Photo would help. Willing to exchange dreams and fantasies."
Joanne W. (NJ-2944)

KATHI LEIGH H. (NJ) (#58)
SWM, 39, 5'11", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, considered cute by friends. Interested in fishing, photography, new age music, nature walks, biking, and quiet evenings at home. "Mostly in the closet CD. Do go out once in awhile at night, dressed, to mail a letter. Wish to meet or hear from TV/TS or GG to help maximize my strong feminine desires and fantasies. Shy and easy to get along with. Looking for sisters that are sincere and like to help others."
Kathi Leigh H. (NJ-3024)

CAROLINE G. (NJ) (#58)
Member of Tri-Ess.
6'3", 220, 22T, MWM, wife slightly less than indifferent. Interested in cross-dressing, my business, and aviation. "My closet is driving me insane. Need and seek contact with TV, CD, TS in Bergen County, NJ. Would like to spend at least one day in the sun in a skirt and heels. Discretion an absolute must."
Caroline G. (NJ-3070)

BILLIE MATTEO (NJ) (#59)

Member: IFGE.
TS, 5'7", 160, 35. Interested in photography, computers and communications, music, and dancing. "After years of denial, I'm finally on the right track. Trying to get a local support group going, and would like to hear from others going through transition."
Billie Matteo, P O Box 9, Allenhurst NJ 07711 (NJ-3097)

NAT P. (NJ) (#58)
Member: IFGE.
F-M TS, first operation completed. Short, stocky, educated, oriented to other men, only. "I seek a fully loving and loyal mate. A non-smoker and non-drinker, I need a life-time mate. I'm in my early 50's and live a very quiet (and, right now, solitary) life."
Nat P. (NJ-3120)

MICHELLE BOLLINS (NJ) (#58)
5'8", 165. "I am a drummer. Single TV, brown hair, blue eyes. I enjoy music, sports, and dressing fully. I've never been out. Would like to meet another TV to push me out and help me dress. Please write. I will answer."
Michelle B. (NJ-3150)

JODIE H. (NJ) (#59)

Member: IFGE.
SWM, hetero, late thirties, 5'10", 155, 10-12. Interested in love jazz, old movies, cars, stereos, dining out. "I've been crossdressing my whole life. Still in the closet, but wish to become passable in public. Would love to meet other TV/TS for friendship and get-togethers in NJ-NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly."
Jodie H. (NJ-3136)

PORSCHEA ANN P. (NJ) (#60)

Member: IFGE
5'5", 140, mid 20's, 7/9 & slim. Love to dance to 50's and house music. Interested in hot-rod cars, road racing, and dressing up club style. "My goal is to be passable. Are there any young TV/TSs in the area who could help? Will take any advice. Look forward to corresponding with TV/TSs and women interested in this unique phenomenon."
(No name), P O Box 166, Lanoka Harbor NJ 08734 (NJ-3297)

BABS C. (NJ) (#59)
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM, late 40's. Supportive and understanding loving wife. Interested in twentieth century art, music, standardbred horses, tennis, decorating, and shopping. "As my alter ego I find contentment and excitement, and escape from stress, whether as my own woman, or as my wife's submissive."
Babs C. (NJ-3219)

DONNA R. (NJ) (#59)
Member: Renaissance.
5'10", blue eyes, 41, MWM, CD. Interested in psychology, outdoors activities, camping, hiking fishing, dressing. "Dressing since childhood, but only now working on acceptance and getting out of the closet. Love all forms of lingerie. Would like to correspond about interests and experiences. Want to work on total feminine look, and meet other sisters."
Donna R. (NJ-3270)

ELISE P. (NJ) (#59)
SWM, 31. "Shy, scared, but taking my first steps out of my cocoon. I would love to hear from anyone who has the desire, and patience to help Elise to fully emerge. My other interests include Medieval art and culture, Fellini films, sci-fi fantasy books, and the ballet. Will reply to all."
Elise P. (NJ-2391)

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT (N NY) (#59)

Member: Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC
Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair
Hetero TV, 50+, 6'2". A lady. Has many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. Loves to travel.
Mr. W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301 (NY-0228)

RENEE' SLOCUM (W NY) (#57)
Member: CD-Network
5'11", 160, hetero SWM. Educated, shy, good sense of humor. Early 30's. Interests are photography, ballet, antiques, music.
"Would like to hear from, and possibly meet with other CDs in the Geneva and

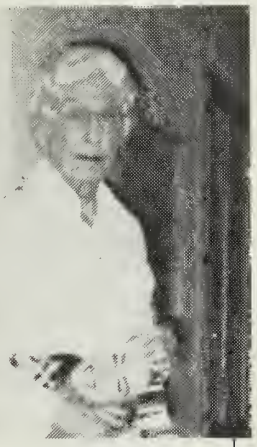
Finger Lakes area. Maybe we can form a small support group. Been a CD for 20 years."

Rence' Slocum, Box 977, Geneva NY 14456 (NY-0651)

CAMILE A. M. McLAUGHLIN (NY) (#60)

Member: Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu, IFGE, TCNE, among others.

Camile McLaughlin (NY-0582)



CONNIE TAYLOR (W NY) (#60)

Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society, Elaine Barrie Project.

MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, with supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. If you need somebody to talk to, just write. All letters promptly answered.

Connie Taylor, Box 0734, Jamestown NY 14702 (NY-0434)

ANGELA S. (W NY) (#60)

Member: EON, TVA

Participant: Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together

Awards: EON Pioneer Award

5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. Baby-boomer. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

Angela S. (NY-0719)

RICKY HUNT (W NY) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

6'1", 250, married, two kids, all know and accept. Interested in computers, photography, sci-fi, folk music, and writing. "As with most things, I am an oddball, even among my sisters. Writing as 'The Bearded Lady,' I concentrate on the humorous side of our hobby. Although an irregular letter-writer, I always answer, and enjoy hearing from anyone."

Ricky H., Box 10003, Brighton NY 14610 (NY-1044)

DELORES MERHIGE (SE NY) (#57)

Member: Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity, IFGE

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together, IFGE Convention.

Married, middle-aged, 5'10", medium build, engineer, life long TV. Wife quite supportive. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it. Will write as often as I can."

D. Merhige, P.O. Box 327, Massapequa Park NY 11762 (NY-0808)

JOSEPHINE C. (SE NY) (#57)

Member: Tiffany, Tri-Ess, ABC, CDM/NY

Participant: Principal events in US and Europe.

Hetero, married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer. "Very long life as a TV. Love shopping and going out for dinner, gardening, cooking, photography, and housekeeping. Travel a lot, and enjoy meeting others. Will reply to all mail, and would like to exchange photos. Looking for company to go out en femme with."

J. Chara (NY-0880)

JULIE ANN C. (N NY) (#59)

Member: IFGE, TGIC.

Attended: Fantasia '78, '88, '89, '90.

Hetero TV, 52, 5'9". Interested in family, hiking, camping,, science fiction.

Julie Ann C. (NY-1695)

VICKIE STONE (SE NY) (#60)

Member: LIFE, Chi Delta Mu

Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (has published in Femme Mirror & Femanine, editor Lifelines), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Has darkroom. Avid skier. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

Vickie Stone, Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551 (NY-1035)

BONNIE HOWARD (W NY) (#57)

Member: EON

Participant: TWSG P-town Weekend

42, 5'6", 12, 135. Interests include sailing, golf, cross-country skiing, music. "Enjoy married life, and a successful career. Bonnie is an important part of both! To share life's experiences with a slightly conservative, but stylish business woman - drop a line."

Bonnie H. (NY-1186)

MICHELLE M. (SE NY) (#56)

Member: LIFE

Events: Fantasia Fair '87, '88; Tiffany Spring Outing '88, IFGE Coming Together Convention '88

"Love to go out. Pass easily. Appearance is good, but need work on mannerisms and voice. Developing an integrated, androgenous personality. Love music, skiing, and all things feminine." Michelle M. (NY-1818)

JOAN FASHIONS (N NY) (#58)

Participant: Tiffany Club Spring Outing, TGIC April Shower Soiree

MWM TV/TG, 50's, retired. "I live mostly as Joan. Travel NYC/NJ area for shopping, socials, etc. Family grown and understanding. Letters with photo will receive prompt response."

Joan Fashions, P O Box 1756 S. Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12603 (NY-1220)

JOANNE MARIE E. (NY) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

6', 250, 57, married, lifelong CD. Wife knows and is somewhat supportive. "I'm a big girl who loves everything feminine from mini-skirts to evening gowns. I enjoy meeting other CDs and corresponding and exchanging photos."

J. Enright, P O Box 251, Shrub Oak NY 10588 (NY-1224)

GRETCHEN L. (W NY) (#61)

Participant: Fantasia Fair

6'1", blue eyes, 195, good figure. Enjoys bike riding, hiking and crossdressing. "Would like to meet other

TVs in the Buffalo NY area. Would like to have dinner out."

Gretchen L., P O Box 231, Celeron NY 14720 (NY-1359)

JAN ALYCE V. (NYC) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess
Participant: Poconos Weekend, Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme

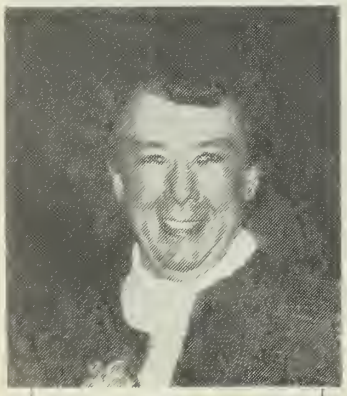
Single, 43, 5'11", 195. Interested in opera, classical music, shows, long-distance running. "I enjoy being out as a lady to the opera and museums. Also shopping and nights out at comfortable cabarets and restaurants in Manhattan. Would enjoy sharing experiences."

Jan Alyce V. (NY-1187)

CONSTANCE LEE (WNY) (#57)

MWM, 38. "I just love writing to and hearing from all my sisters, new and old. Anxious to call you 'friend,' and to be known as such."

C. Lee, P O Box 368, Derby NY 14047-0368 (NY-1929)



VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL (SE)(#57)

"I am Victoria and I love life. With care and planning I will effect my destiny, helping those that I can along the way. Dress, shop, dine, travel, go to concerts. I enjoy 'tinplate' railroading, and am very much in love with a beautiful woman named Carla. I live by my creed which is, 'I can never be a woman but I will never be anything less than a lady.' Will try to answer all. To all I wish PEACE of mind, of heart, of spirit."

Victoria N. (NY-1960) NY) (#59)

LEIGH ANNE KOSLEY (E NY) (#57)

41, 6'2", 210, hazel eyes, size 18 dress and size 14 shoe. Active military. Interests include theater, model railroads, music, aerobics, and racketball. "Interested in correspondence with others of the same interest. Would also like to meet a woman who would like to share the same likes and life."

Leigh Anne K. (NY-1971)

CHRISTINA SCHULTZ (LI NY) (#57)

Single, hetero TV. Early thirties, 5'8", 140. Interested in rock and classical music, science fiction, and computers. "Have been dressing since childhood, but still need help working on my feminine image. Looking to make some new friends."

Chris S., Box 233, Lindenhurst NY 11757 (NY-1981)

LILIAN FRANK (NYC NY) (#59)

Long-time CD, 45. "Would like to meet or correspond with any TVs or TSs (M-F or F-M) who feel there might be a 'spiritual dimension' to their condition."

Lilian F. (NY-2230)

DEE DEE ANN SUMMERS (SE NY) (#59)

Member of LIFE, write for Lifeline newsletter.

5'11", 165, blue eyes, 29, married, heterosexual CD with supportive wife. Enjoy dancing in NYC nightclubs, meeting and helping other CD's. "I've been a cross-dresser as long as I can remember. I came to terms with my feminine self a few years ago, and have been a happier and more complete person ever since. I have met many wonderful people and developed some CD friendships since coming out. It's been a long, hard road, but worth it."

Dee Dee Ann Summers, P O Box 4462, Great Neck NY 11021 (NY-2246)

MARJORIE THOMAS (NYC) (#59)

Member: Chi Delta Mu.
Attended Poconos weekend.

SWM, 36, 5'7", 135. Interested in sports, classic rock, and taping drag on the tube. "I am most comfortable dealing with dual personalities like mine. Would like to correspond and meet with other TVs, and understanding women. Discrete, and do not want to hear from men. Would like to hear from anyone who has appeared in drag on stage and liked it."

Marjorie T. (NY-2266)

ALEXANDRA McKAY (NYC) (#59)

Member: CT Outreach

41, 6', 245, white. Seeks friends in Staten Island, Elizabeth, Bayonne, NYC, Brooklyn, Queens. Enjoy classical music, war games, science fiction & computers.

Alexandra McKay, P O Box 140297, Staten Island NY 10314 (NY-2466)

JANET LANG (NY) (#60)

Member: IFGE.

SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and heels. "Seeking understanding women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man. Could date a sensitive man who enjoys the company of a TV. Prefer Queens, Long Island area."

Janet Lang (NY-2539)

VERONICA MARTIN (N NY) (#59)

Member: TGIC

SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160. "The ultimate in femininity to me is dressing up in a square dance dress with a very full petticoat and ruffled sissy panties. Want to meet understanding females."

Veronica Martin (NY-2482)

NANCY ANN HOWES (W NY) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, CD Network, TCNE MWM, 45, married to a wonderful supportive wife. Have been dressing all my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange ideas, experiences, and photos with others who enjoy all that is feminine. Will respond quickly to all that write. No sex letters. Let's talk girl talk!"

Nancy Ann Howes, P O Box 16127, Rochester NY 14616 (NY-2851)

CHARLEY R. (E NY) (#57)

Member: TV Entertainers of Albany

5'11", 240, ash blonde, blue eyes, poor, bisexual. Interested in reading, writing, and cable TV. "Love to write letters, and want to make friends. Can't pass in public, too poor for electrolysis. Want to meet others. Am just coming out of the closet."

Charley R. (NY-2773)

FRAN BALLEN (LI NY) (#57)

Member: Eulenspiegel Society

SWM, TV, 5'9", 150, 49. Love to go to discos. History buff. "Like to meet fellow TVs for girl talk and dressing up; would also like advice on improving my femininity. Would enjoy going out with sisters from the NY, CT, NJ, and Long Island area. Very discrete."

Fran B. (NY-2781)

PAIGE K. (W NY) (#57)

Member: Toronto CD Club

SWM, 42, 5'10", 155, hetero.

"I love being feminine and out of the closet. Would like to attend parties, club meetings. Interested in connecting with other TVs, TSs, or women who support TVs emotionally in western NY."

Paige K. (NY-2846)

SHARON ANN STUART
(E NY) (#59)

Member: TGIC

Participant: Dreams, Texas T Party

Awards: Miss Dream Congeniality, 1977

MWM, 6'0", 170, 50, size 14,16, blue eyes, brunette or redhead. "CD since age 4. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in 1967. Share file of original TV stories. Enjoy dressing and going out. Wife understands and tolerates but participates rarely."

Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820 (NY-2848)

GLORIA F. (LI NY) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

60, retired HS teacher, size 22, interested in bridge, opera, ballet, and women's clothing. Wife knows, but objects. "I would especially like to receive letters for my wife Mary, from wives, describing how they felt when they found out about their husbands' crossdressing, and explaining how they adjusted."

Gloria F. (NY-2711)

MARSHA WINGER (NYC) (#59)

Member: Girl's Night Out, NYC, Tri-Ess.

40, Jewish, married, hetero TV. Interested in reading, especially history, and collecting unusual lamps. "I enjoy cross-dressing very much, but I cannot do it much. My wife knows about it and is absolutely against it. She is from Latin America, and I need a Spanish-speaking wife or friend of a cross-dresser to explain things to her in Spanish."

H. Winston, P O Box 1311 Wall St. Sta., NY NY 10268-1311 (NY-2491)

JILL DIAMOND
(LI-NY) (#57)

SWM, 40, 5'7", 140, very passable. "I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire, or out on-the-town. I have aspirations of living full-time as female. I have a very understanding ex-spouse. We've been out of the mainstream for a few years and just now are getting back into the 'flow.' The best of both worlds. Would like to meet and correspond with other TV/TSs and their 'mates.' Travel extensively."

Jill D. (NY-2852)

CHRISTINA LEIGH
(NY) (#57)

Member: LIFE.

MWM, hetero CD, 30, 6', 170, blue eyes, auburn hair, 14. Interested in reading, history, politics, current events, the sea shore, and developing my femininity. "Guilt-free, happy and accepting of myself for the past six months. Wife knows, but chooses to deny this part of my existence. Activities somewhat limited because of this. Interested in corresponding with those in similar situations."

Christina Leigh, P O Box 285, Woodside NY 11377 (NY-2895)

CAROL TAYLOR
(C NY) (#57)

Member: EON, TCNE

Participant: Tiffany P-Town WSG (6 yrs.), Coming Together '90

MWM, 40 something, 5'9", 160, size 16. Interested in femininity, writing (about CDing), boating. "Married to a supportive (but not delighted) wife. Love everything feminine and enjoy corresponding. Like to share photos. Believe this practice should be enjoyable, not painful."

Carol T. (NY-2910)

JENNIFER LISETTE
MARTIN (NY) (#57)

Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'15", 22-24, tall, MWM, CD, professional, nonsupportive wife. "I envy so many of you who can go out and pass. Jennifer loves to dress up in her feminine best, would really like to correspond or meet with others to shop or just to chat. I enjoy outdoor sports, boating, golf, skiing, gardening and am an avid reader. Need support of those more experienced to fully become the woman I wish to be."

Jennifer M. (NY-2920)

KIM CODY (NY) (#58)

MWM, 49, 6'2", 180, lifelong CD. "I'm out of the closet, but would like to leave the house. I'd like to spend the day at a beauty salon having my hair cut, set, and permed, to have my nails polished while sitting under the dryers with the other ladies and to top it off by having my make-up done before going out for the evening. Supportive wife and I would like to correspond and meet with other couples."

Kim Cody (NY-2927)

EMILY L. (NY) (#57)

MWM, 45, hetero. "Just emerging with the help of supportive wife. Emily is excited to be alive, and is looking forward to making new friends who share her special thoughts. Looking for a group in Central NY. Your letter will get a quick response. Photo encouraged."

Emily L. (NY-2966)

DENISE M. (NY) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess.

43, 6'1", degreed, life-long CD, single, discreet, good humored, own small business, straight. Interested in golf, volley ball, architecture. "Would like to meet others. Need make up help/practice. Seldom get chance to do it. Dress most evenings. Where can I buy Misses tall sizes (18-20)? Lane Bryant seems to be dropping talls."

Denise Miller, P O Box 361, Amherst NY 14226-0361 (NY-2974)

SUSAN AVISHNA
(LI NY) (#57)

Mid 40's, hetero, good sense of humor, 5'8", 160, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in CD group, photography, writing. Love auto racing. "Would like to make friends for dressing and photos. Have passed. Sincere, honest, and friendly. Not interested in vulgar photos, or in dating men. Any help or advice would be appreciated. Travel north, east and west coasts. Photos please."

Susan Avishna (NY-2978)

DENISE MILLER (NY) (#58)

Member: IFGE.

MWM, 50, 5'6", 160, healthy, professional, private person, discreet.

Interested in reading, movies, computers, cooking, photography, would like to try dancing, dining out, getting together for friendship, etc. "In closet except when traveling, dressed for shopping, mall walking. May be passable, need assurance. Prefer business suits and after five dresses. Correspondence OK, but need time to respond.

Denise Miller (NY-3012)

JULIE B. (NY) (#58)

6', 185, gray/brown hair, brown eyes, over fifty. Interested in items covered in Tapestry and strong masochistic tendencies towards the opposite sex. "I am strictly a neophyte."

Julie B. (NY-3053)

DENISE O. (NY) (#58)

5'7", 180 and dropping, 40's, divorced. Interested in friendships. I love to correspond and will answer all. Willing to meet others in NYC & LI area. Love classical music, Broadway shows, model railroading, shopping and dressing. Would love to hear from all sisters out there."

Denise O. (NY-3124)

SHELLY TAYLOR (NY) (#59)

MWM, 50's, 6', 165, 14. Interested in good jazz, good friends, fabulous feminine clothing. "I'd love to hear from other TV's and anyone interested in this fabulous phenomenon. Been dressing since I was a kid and am comfortable with the feminine side of my personality. Wife of many years is not understanding or tolerant, so my time as Shelly is limited to daytime outings. Write and send pictures. I'll respond in kind."

Shelly Taylor (NY-3173)

ANNE HARPER (NY) (#59)

42, recently divorced, 6', 180. Self-employed furniture designer. "I have crossdressed over thirty years. My first wife could not accept, but am now engaged to a helpful and understanding lady. Would like to meet others from upstate NY to go out to eat or to a movie."

Anne Harper, P O Box 82, Alton NY 14413-0082 (NY-3195)

CHERYL MICHELLE ELLIOTT (NY) (#58)

MWM, Bi, CD, 5'7", 128, very passable. Interested in costumes, lingerie, all kinds of music and dance, playing the piano, and singing. "I love all aspects of being a girl. Enjoy going out with friends, and love to dance. Enjoy meeting new friends, exchanging photos, fantasies and experiences. Would particularly like to meet a sister with a participating spouse. Mine does not."

Cheryl Michelle Elliott (NY-3196)

JACKIE TEG (NY) (#59)

37, 5'10", 155. Interested in music, country and western, classical, sports, nice talks. "Looking for other TV/TSs and women in the western NY area to socialize and to learn from. Want to finally come out of the closet."

J. Teg, P O Box 9, Kenmore NY 14233 (NY-3208)

ANGELA MARTIN (NY) (#59)

Member: CD Network.

SWM, creative and energetic. Lifelong cross-dresser. Write "Angela's Amblings" (CD News). Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working ACOA twelve step recovery and growth program. Currently writing book of daily meditations for cross-dressers. Interested in hearing from others who have discovered that their 'Lost Child' is feminine."

Angela Martin, Box 10794, Rochester NY 14610 (NY-3252)

PATRICIA PENC (NY) (#59)

27, 5'8", CD, Chemist. Interested in music, playing guitar, skiing, reading, and being feminine. "Seeking advice on getting into the music business as agent, promoter, whatever, and on passing in public. Want to reduce anxieties and stress. Would love to correspond with others who are sincere, caring and supportive in upstate NY or elsewhere."

J. P. Penc, Box 1117, Clinton NY 13323 (NY-3276)

SANDI T. (NY) (#59)

Member: Metamorphosis.

5'11", blond with blue-green eyes, 130, size 8, very feminine pre-op TS. "I enjoy the exciting chemistry of the male-female relationship. Am looking for an affectionate, decent man over 6' for a long-term relationship."

Sandi T., Box D8, 496-A Hudson St., NY NY 10014 (NY-2902)

DIANA AUSTIN (NY) (#59)

Member: CD Network.

Attended: Texas T Party, Be All '90,'91, Autumn Accord '90,'91, Paradise in the Poconos.

M, 34, 5'9", 150. Interested in shopping, going out to restaurants, and dancing. Sharing interests with all. "Would like to meet and correspond with anyone who is interested. Promise to answer all."

Occupant, P O Box 13502, Rochester NY 14613 (NY-3283)

LISA HAYES (NY) (#60)

MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155, wife supportive. "Out of closet for thirteen years. Would like to go out, but wife and I don't think I am passable."

Lisa H. (NY-3292)

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

SHEILA KIRK
(W PA) (#99)

IFGE Board of Directors (Executive Committee), Coming Together Staff
Member: Tiffany Club, TransPitt, Paradise
Participant: Everything

Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. "I work very hard, so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm eager to meet many others who delight in the same feelings."

Sheila K. (PA-0336)

DAVIDA T. (E PA) (#56)

SWM, 39, shy and discreet. "Just starting to come out, thanks to a few friends. Enjoy spending my free time being as feminine as possible. I'm seeking friends who would like to share that time with me."

Davida T. (PA-0944)

ROBIN FREY (E PA) (#56)

Member: Renaissance

43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sun bathing. "Pre-op transsexual would like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

Robin Lee Frey, Box 2072, Southeastern PA 19399 (PA-0932)

ALISON LAING (E PA) (#58)

Member: Renaissance
Awards: FF Miss Congeniality

Middle age, middle sized, life-long CD. Married. Wonderful, supportive spouse. Enjoys arts and crafts. Loves to shop at flea markets and antique shops, good food, wine, travel and dancing. "Take my gender shift seriously, and work hard to be unobtrusive, if not passable. I try to have lots of fun and at the same time help make others in our community happy."

Alison Laing, P O Box 635, Phoenixville PA 19460 (PA-1242)

CAMMILLE S. (W PA) (#58)

Rather middle aged (40's), plumpish leather freak who, for the most part, is closet bound. "I love to get letters, though often forget to respond to them. I try to emulate '50's type woman, heavily padded, dressed too warmly, overly made-up, and overweight (not by design). Also like satin when found, and total feminine appearance."

Cammille S. (PA-1274)

REBECCA SUE M. (PA) (#57)

"Retired professional white male, mid sixties, a long time cross-dresser now experiencing the thrill of coming out of the closet. Love being a TV and feminine, dedicated to the joy of dressing and striving for perfection. Want to correspond or meet with CDs with similar background. Suburban Philadelphia area."

Rebecca M. (PA-1357)

MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA) (#59)

Member: Renaissance, Greater Philadelphia, Public Outreach Director.

Attended: IFGE '90, '91, Texas T Party, Pocono Weekend, Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning.

Awards: 1990 Renaissance Woman of the Year.

MWM, hetero, TV, 5'11", early forties, married. Wife is very supportive and well known in the community. "All spouses are urged to write to us. Outreach activities include college class-room speaking, professional seminars, and television shows. Although a gutsy lady, the little girl in me still adores crinolines and ballerinas."

Maryann Kirkland, P O Box 1242, Newtown PA 18940 (PA-1531)

JANET ROSE (PA) (#57)

Participant: Be All

WM TV, 47, 5'11", 149. Interested in business, race cars, domestic chores, crossdressing. "I do turn into an exhibitionist in front of a camera. Would love to meet mature, understanding women for fun and friendship. Girlfriend also interested in meeting CDs wives. I have come a long way in the last 30 years. Hope I can go much further!"

Janet Rose (PA-1879)

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA) (#60)

Member: TransPitt, Paradise
Participant: 'Be All'

5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

Jennifer White (PA-1722)

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA) (#58)

SWM, 6', 185, 35, athletically built and masculine in disposition. "I am seeking very feminine TV's or TS's between the ages of 21 to 30 to meet & develop possible long term relationships with. I work in construction & will travel any distance for that special person. Please send photo & phone. Will answer all those who meet my requirements."

Craig S. (PA-1977)

ROBIN F. (W PA) (#61)

SWM, early forties, 6', 175. Professional with graduate degree. Interested in psychology of cross-dressing fantasies. "Recently had my first make over. Enjoy dancing in full skirts

and petticoats. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Appreciate assistance from other cross-dressers and women who would help me integrate my anima and my animus."

Robin F. (PA-2020)

WILLOW AYLA SHENEN (PA) (#58)

Member: IFGE

38, 5'8", 170, blue eyes, brown hair, DWM, hetero TV. Interested in Native American spirituality and culture, environmental concerns, reading, conversation, and being in nature. "Lifetime CD/TV. Accepted myself 15 years ago. Happy with balance with my feminine side. Appear very natural when dressed. Supportive girlfriend helps in whatever way she can. Express my feminine nature in all aspects of my life."

Willow S. (PA-2052)

BRENDA DAVIDSON (C PA) (#58)

Member: LSV Chapter Renaissance (Chapter leader)

Participant: Annual LSV Luau

Awards: 1990 Renaissance Meritorious Service Award.

Married TV, 28, 5'8", 145. "Have appeared on local talk shows and the Evening Magazine. Have an understanding wife. Able to be Brenda and try to make this visible to others."

Brenda Davidson, P O Box 383, Mechanicsburg PA 17055 (PA-2252)

SHARON M. (E PA) (#59)

Member: Renaissance

SWM, 32, 5'10", 145. Lives in Phila. area. Attractive, non-smoker, serious writer. Interested in correspondence and dating females and "T" people. "Cross-dressing has come between my last two girlfriends and me. Time to start finding friends who understand."

Sharon M. (PA-2326)

WENDY MILLER (PA) (#59)

Member: Transpitt.

Attended: Be All '90 & '91.

5'10", 165, TG. Working very hard towards living full time. Interested arts, SCUBA.

Wendy M. (PA-2412)

MICHELLE D. (SE PA) (#60)

MWM, 38, 5'10", 185, college-educated professional. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

Michelle D. (PA-2623)

OLIVE K. (PA) (#60)

Member: Tri-Ess, SGA.

5'10", 138, 75, white, brown eyes, almost white hair.

Interested in cross-dressing, maintaining household, cooking, and electronics.

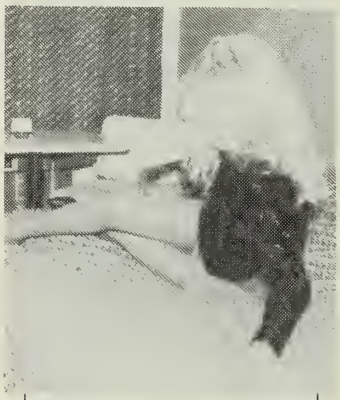
Olive K. (PA-2723)

PHYLLIS W. (W PA) (#56)

Member: Transpitt.

5'11", late 30's, CD with TS tendencies. "I find that living two lives occupies most of my time. I therefore cannot guaranty I'll respond to every letter."

P.W., P O Box 18413, Pittsburgh PA 15236 (PA-2770)



MISHA ROBERTS (PA) (#57)

SWM, 5'11", 29, hetero. "Very feminine and cute. Looking to correspond and meet the same."

Misha R. (PA-2882)

LOUISE W. (PA) (#57)

MWM, 5'6", 190, blond hair, blue eyes, non-passable, mid-40's. Interested in golf, music, writing. "I am new to the TV scene. Louise has been hiding for 40 years. Would love to correspond or meet to visit. Will really answer all letters. Wife totally nonsupportive, so I am very much in closet, but looking for supportive sisters! I travel to Ohio, western NY, western PA, and Detroit."

L. Worth, P O Box 79016, Pittsburgh PA 15216 (PA-2806)

CHERYL ANN WALTERS (PA) (#57)

Single TV, 23, 5'10", 145, auburn hair, blue eyes. Interested in music, dancing, outdoors, current events, sports (especially soccer and basketball). "I am an easy going, clean, loving, and sincere individual. I want to experience as truly as I can what it's like to be a woman. Still very much 'in the closet' and, due to family, do not dress at home. Would like to correspond with TVs, TSs, GGs."

Cheryl Ann Walters, P O Box 14333, Phila. PA 19115 (PA-2811)

S. KRISTINE JAMES (PA) (#59)

Member: TCNE, Renaissance, CDI.

Attended: P'town Outing '90, Poconos '91.

5'10", 175, professional. Interested in dinners, social activities. Love to dress and go out. "Travel entire US. Would like to hear from others, especially those who travel to New York City."

S. K. James, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044-0061 (PA-3228)

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON (DE) (#59)

Member: IFGE, Tiffany Club of New England, Tri-Ess Chi Delta Mu Chapter.

Attended TCNE Awards BAnquet, 1991.

60, 6', 180. A Gracious Lady married 40 years to an understanding wife. Self employed, often dresses in home & office, sleeps en femme. Electrolysis completed, sails competetively, active in Protestant church. FAA rated pilot, resides in Southern Delaware. Gentle, caring. Letters answered.

Phyllis Vanetta Larson (DE-0931)

EMILY SHELDON (N DE) (#57)

Member: Renaissance

Participant: Fantasia Fair, IFGE Convention, Paradise in Poconos.

Mature TV (50), pass easily in public. Enjoy fashion, friends, fun, helping others get out of the closet. Attend 2-3 TV meetings/month, 2-3 major TV events/year. "Looking for passable girlfriends to go out with, as well as roommates to share expenses. Seek correspondence."

E. Sheldon, P O Box 4457, Greenville DE 19807 (DE-0629)

LESLIE FAIRMONT (N DE) (#59)

Member: Renaissance.

DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass easily in public. Have gone shopping, dining, clubbing, and sightseeing en femme. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Not macho, but willing to 'push the envelop.' Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

Occupant, P O Box 5093, Wilmington DE 19808 (DE-2425)

AUDREY J. STEELE (DE) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: 'Holiday En Femme'

WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of the closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting other CDs, writing to CDs, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

Audrey S. (DE-2434)

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (200- 205-)

MARY ELLEN K. (DC) (#57)

MWM, late 50's, with more grey hair than I would like, matronly when dressed. Interested in music, travel books, Sandy Thomas fiction stories. "I do not have the opportunity to dress often because of the family situation at home, but I do have an understanding wife. I wear underthings regularly and enjoy that. Would like to correspond and share with others in like situations!"

Mary Ellen K., P O Box 44900, Washington DC 20026 (DC-1438)

CHRISTINA FERRANTE (DC) (#58)

SWM, 25, blond, 5'10". Young coed, sweet, shy, yet sexy. "I enjoy cocktail parties, soap operas, shopping, and mini-skirts. I'm waiting for my Edward Lewis to make me his 'Pretty Woman.' I'd love to hear from you all out there, and look forward to exchanging photos and stories."

Christina Ferrante, P O Box 42298, Washington DC 20015 (DC-2906)

MARY JANICE N. (DC) (#58)

SWM, 42, 5'6", 154. "I love all things feminine: classic dresses - especially with lace and Peter Pan collars, girl talk, and shopping. Very active in Gay and Lesbian issues. College educated. Travel the US extensively. Seeking friends anywhere in the United States. Will start pre-op in the fall of '91. Will answer all who write. Photos appreciated. Sincerity a must!"

M. Janice Nicase, AAVV, P O Box 27286, Washington DC 20038-7286 (DC-2976)

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

MICHELLE LYNN GERALD (MD) (#57)

TS, 32. "I enjoy reading, writing, cooking, and photography. Am a shy and caring soul who desires to correspond with anyone in the TV/TS community. Beginning trek toward the adoption of a feminine lifestyle. Would be grateful for any assistance. I promise to quickly respond to any (and all!) inquiries I may receive."

Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337 (MD-2168)

RICKI ANN F. (MD) (#57)

MWM, 56, retired Catholic. Married 33 years. Interests include computers, ham radio, design and building, sci-fi, fantasy. "All mail answered."

Ricki F. (MD-2137)

NANCY ANN B. (MD) (#58)

Member: Supporting Member-IFGE, Delti Chi, Washington-Baltimore Alliance - on Board of Directors, Tri-Ess.

Participant: Fantasia Fair '90, '91.

Auburn hair, brown eyes, 5'9", 165. Interested in dressing since age 12, sports. "Tried to be like other boys, but, as the only boy in a family of five girls, I wanted to be dressed like them, and did, every chance I got."

Nancy Ann B. (MD-2046)

HELEN G. (MD) (#59)

Member of Delta Chi and Washington Baltimore Alliance.

Attended Fantasia Fair the last three years, Texas T Party, Program Director Delta Chi.

Big TV, 5'9", size 26, 48 bra. Interested in classical music, photography, and attending TV meetings and events. "I love attending and working for the Fair and my local groups. Love to meet TV sisters. Love all aspects of crossdressing. Would love to meet a genetic female who understands crossdressers."

Helen G. (MD-2227)

KATE GOLDMAN (MD) (#59)

Member: ETVC.

5'8", 155, 44, TV, supportive wife. Interested in photography, reading, computers, and music. "I've practiced in the closet long enough. Overcoming my anxieties, ready to participate, and determined to meet others. Promise to write back to all who correspond. Please send photo."

Kate Goldman (MD-1652)

DIANE FERN (MD) (#58)

"I am a mature androgenous TV with transgender inclinations. I'm married to a very supportive wife. I enjoy gourmet cooking, 'cool' and progressive jazz, walks on the beach, sailing, and small social get-togethers. I dress virtually every day. I reside in Annapolis, and look forward to meeting people in the MD, DC, VA, or PA area interested in the TV/TG lifestyle and sharing gender euphoria."

Diane F. (MD-2229)

ROSA R. (C MD) (#57)

6'1", 195, 60, widowed 11 years. "Not passable at present. Interest in being very buxom. Would enjoy writing to all who share these feelings. Into dressing feminine on most evenings. Enjoy relaxing in heels, stockings, lingerie, wigs. Will correspond with all who like 'girl-talk' concerning same. Would like to correspond with she-males, also."

Rosa R. (MD-2653)

LISA N. (C MD) (#57)

MWM, 5'9", 40. "I have been crossdressing since I can remember, but now I need a new beginning; a search for the real me. It's been a few years since I've gone out in public dressed - help! Wife is generally tolerant but infrequently supportive. Would sincerely enjoy corresponding with other TV's, and would enjoy meeting with those in DC/Balt./So. Md. area. I'm a friend of Bill W."

Lisa N. (MD-2640)

JULIA CYBELE (C MD) (#57)

Member: IFGE, My Choice, Daughters of Isis, Mensa.

Participant: Texas 'T' Party.

1952 Libra, 5'10", 180, dark blonde tresses; sensitive, feminine INFP; slowly emerging TS. Interests include classical and new-age music; cosmetology and cosmology, goddess adoration; reincarnation; the numinous, mystical and transcendent; beauty to all the senses, sunsets, teas, cultures of Antiquity; science-fiction, pen-friends; girl-talk, and the joy of laughter.

Julia C. (MD-2739)

ANN MILLER (C MD) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

MWM, 39, 6', 180, lifelong TV. "Ready to start out of the closet. Interested in corresponding with other TVs and TSs. Educated, responsible person desiring to meet same. Please respond with photo."

Ann M. (MD-2776)

ELEANOR O. (C MD) (#56)

WM TV, 41, 5'10", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. "I have been dressing for 25+ years, but only accepted this part of my nature 10 years ago. Dress often. I like the professional, feminine,

conservative style, which fits my nature as a management woman. Hope to meet and/or correspond with other TV-CDs and TSs. Will respond to all who write."

Eleanor O. (MD-2747)

CHARLENE H. (MD) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Rennaissance

43, 5'9", 150, TV, married for 20+ years. Interested in classical music, computers, woodworking. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember. Am fairly conservative with my clothing. Would love to come out of the closet more, but cannot. I would like to correspond with those of similar interest, especially those in the Balt/Wash area."

Charlene H. (MD-2274)

BARBARA A. (MD) (#57)

Member: D.C.E.A.

TV, 5'10", 140 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. Travel frequently to CA, Co, FL, and Al. "Interested in corresponding with others and making new friends."

Barbara A., P O Box 3255, Laural MD 20709 (MD-2795)

LYNN B. (MD) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: Poconos Weekend

6', 175, 60, hetero TV, married, supportive wife. Interested in good music, photograpghy, fishing, string art. "Been CD since age 13. Mother found out when I was 11. Interested in meeting others, couples, for friendship and support. All CDs in MD, DE, VI, come on out, to have our own chapter!"

Lynn B. (MD-2931)

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON (MD) (#59)

42, 5'9", 175, blue eyes, chestnut hair, married to a lovely lady. "I've only been out at night, but look forward to perfecting a passable daytime persona. Would like to hear from any who care to write, especially from wives who have successfully dealt with their husband's crossdressing."

Ellen M. Anderson, P O Box 1551, White Plains MD 20695 (MD-3142)

JULIANNE CHRISTINE THOMAS (MD) (#60)

5'10", 170, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in skiing, cooking, shopping, roller coasters! travel, and camping. "I have just begun to allow my feminine self to emerge. I could use all the help and guidance to become more feminine. Will respond to all who write."

Julianne C. Thomas, P O Box 59392, Potomac MD 20859 (MD-3203)

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

SUSAN REYNOLDS (VA) (#60)

Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess

Participant: P-town and Poconos gatherings

Reasonably passable. Love sleek clothing. Adore being VERY buxom when at home. "I write to a number of sisters, and especially enjoy writing to those sisters who like being buxom. Am very happy and content with myself as a woman."

Susan Reynolds, Box 11160, Alexandria VA 22312 (VA-0017)

DEBBIE OGLE (C VA) (#57)

Pre-op MTF TS, 6', 180, dark brown hair, blue-green eyes, fair skin. Interests include computers, sci-fi fantasy, music (Renaissance, Moody Blues, etc.), TG people. "I am planning to be full-time by Jan '91. Am interested in meeting or corresponding with TV/TG/TS/GGs, especially in the Lynchburg, Roanoke, Charlottesville area."

Debbie O. (VA-2095)

JAYNE M. (VA) (#57)

Late 40's, 5'8", 165, blue eyes, light brown/grey hair. Interests include dressing, writing, reading. "Although a lifelong CD, I am still learning about my feminine side, and how to make Jayne the best she can be. Anxious to correspond with all sisters - to learn from them, and to share that which few outsiders can - or will bother - to understand."

Jayne M. (VA-1206)

CHRISTINA S. (VA) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess, IFGE, Virginia's Secret.

MWM, 40's, 6', 185. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

Christina Smith, P O Box 34631, Richmond VA 23234 (VA-1868)

KEMBERLY CARLSON (N VA) (#58)

Member: Delta Chi

DWM, 5'11", 50, size 18, live in DC area with SO. Comfortable with self, ventures out dressed last 3 years. Love to pose in front of camera, water skiing, boating, and stained glass. "Enjoy all aspects of femme lifestyle. Would like to write & meet others who enjoy crossdressing. Have a sense of humor, and can laugh at myself & enjoy life. Will respond to all."

Kem Carlson, P O Box 8, Herndon VA 22070 (VA-2300)

SHEILA W. (VA) (#58)

6', 180, green eyes, and long legs. Interested in woodworking and photography. "I love to exchange letters and pictures. I try to answer others promptly. Am becoming more active all the time. Look forward to attending some of the national events."

Sheila W., P O Box 64593, VA Beach VA 23467 (VA-2276)

SAMANTHA W. (VA) (#58)

Member: Virginia's Secret.

MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

Samantha W. (VA-3052)

DONNA E. (VA) (#59)

DWM, hetero, TV, 5'11", 170, 45, 14-16. Interested in snow skiing, cooking, hunting, fishing, and dressing up. "Closet TV most of my life. Now seeking to meet other TV's and genetic women for friendship, and to help me to refine my make-up and hair skills. Write and send photo. I'll reciprocate as soon as possible."

Donna E. (VA-2502)

TREVA W. (VA) (#60)

Member: IFGE

TV with TS aspirations, 27, 5'11", 170, brown, green eyes. Interested in all things feminine, particularly perfecting my feminine persona. "I'm an open minded, caring individual who loves to look and feel sexy. Seek the privilege of knowing and eventually meeting TV/TSs and women for mutual support and admiration. Photos please."

Treva M. Wilson, P O Box 23773, Alexandria VA 22304 (VA-3296)

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

ALONA VICTORIA MILLER (WV) (#56)

Member: TVW (president), Tri-Ess, Cross-Port, IXE, Trans-Pitt

Participant: Coming Together, '88,'89,'90

Life-long crossdresser, married, wife does not participate. Master of Divinity degree, + hours on a Ph.D. Interested in crossdressing and meeting new sisters. "Am in the clergy with training in counseling. Anyone having trouble dealing with the religion and crossdressing, am available."

Alona Victoria Miller, P O Box 703, Lewisburg WV 24901 (WV-1804)

KAYE LORRAINE LIGHTNER (WV) (#59)

Member: OPERN, WVTV

Lifelong CD, just coming out. Interested in Sci Fi, classical music, films. "Am a better than average cartoonist and portrait artist. Wife accepting - sometimes enthusiastic. Wife wants to correspond with other spouses. Am in helping profession. Hope to get into gender counseling. TV/TS group forming in Kayawha Valley area."

Kaye L. (WV-2435)

TABETHA ANN TAMBOR (WV) (#60)

Member: Trans-WV (Secretary/ Treasurer), Tri-Ess, Crossport.

Single, hetero, CD, 22, 6', 165, 13/ 14. Interested in Christianity, reading, writing, daydreaming, photography, coin collecting, model railroading, science & technology, tropical fish, and music. "Tabetha is not a hobby, she is who I am. Have started venturing out in the day time. It's fun! Looking for an understanding woman for friendship, fun, and possible relationship."

Tabetha Tambor, Trans-WV, P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322 (WV-2453)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH (WV) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

MWMTV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

P.M. Wentworth, Box 687, Berkeley Springs WV 25411 (WV-0640)

RENEE H. (S WV) (#60)

Member: Crossport, TransWV

MWM, 5'10", 46. "Married to a very supportive wife. Love dressing and being feminine. Would like to explore more of the woman within. Still partially in the closet, but would love to go out in public dressed. Will answer all who write."

Renee H. (WV-2604)

BEVERLY R. WILLIAMS (W WV) (#60)

Member: Trans-WV

WM, 5'10", blue eyes. Interests include beautiful clothes, cooking, photography, and travel. "I am a fun loving girl who really enjoys being dressed and feminine. Looking to meet new friends and build lasting relationships. Would love to correspond with others with similar interests."

Beverly R. Williams, c/o Trans WV, P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724 (WV-2687)

DEE H. (WV) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

46, heterosexual, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interests: All things feminine, developing a better look, fishing canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in make-up. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

D. D. Hensell, P O Box 422, Ridgeley WV 26753 (WV-2329)

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289

SANDY JOHNSON (NC) (#57)

5'7", 140 lbs. "Interested in corresponding with other TV's, TS's to achieve a better understanding and acceptance of our community."

Sandy J. (NC-0906)

FRANCES T. (NC) (#58)

Member: ETVC, Tri-Ess.

Participant: Coming together, Be All.

Late 30's, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping, chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines and dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

Frances T. (NC-1245)

MELODY DIANNE ALLEN (NC) (#56)

Pre-op M-F TS, single, 5'7", 125, light brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys music, photography, billiards. "Would love to correspond and/or meet other TV's, TS's, etc., for friendship, fun, what have you. Can entertain in my home, or travel."

Melody Allen, P O Box 14683, Raleigh NC 27620 (NC-1930)

CHERYL BISHOP (NC) (#58)

Member: EEE, Paradise, Chi Chapter

Participant: Be All, '85

43, divorced, hetero, somewhat closeted. Interested in duplicate bridge, golf, tennis. "I'm more interested in issues like self-acceptance, blending crossdressing and marriage, etc. than clothes, make-up, etc."

Cheryl B. (NC-2334)

BECKY P. (NC) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta

5'4", 133. Interested in reading, photography, good music, going out in public dressed. "I love to send and receive mail from TV/TS sisters. Will answer all who write."

Becky P. (NC-2343)

SUZANNE ELIZABETH BISHOP (NC) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess

Tall, slender, blue-eyed blonde, enjoys yoga, jogging, reading, music, conversation and the arts. "Although relatively closeted for family and business reasons, I do go out from time to time with no problems. Would like to meet other CDs in my area for friendship and fun."

Suzanne B. (NC-2414)

CATHERINE B. (NC) (#59)

Member: Kappa Beta.

MWM, 45, 5'9", 142. Interested in water sports, dressing. "I have just recently come out after twenty years of dressing. Am still learning and developing my femme self. I'd love to hear from other CD sisters. I will respond as my work and family obligations allow."

Catherine B. (NC-2480)

STEPHANIE DULA (NC) (#62)

Member: Triad Gender Association.

5'9", 20, SWM, TV, brown hair and eyes. Interested in art, driving in the mountains, and walking her dog. "I'm blessed with the acceptance of a wonderful girlfriend. We have a very giving relationship. We would like to get together with other couples in the Central NC area. Drop us a line."

Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427-8082 (NC-2519)

DONNA M. (NC) (#57)

5'7", 130, 36, brown eyes and hair. Interested in auto races, computers, bowling, learning about new things (including myself). "I am still in the closet and would like help getting out. Love to dress. Love the feel of it all. Hope to meet an honest, understanding S.O. to become part of my special life. Like to hear from all CDs, TVs, and TSs. Will reply."

Donna M. (NC-2912)

TABITHA VALKYRIE (NC) (#56)

5'6", 140. "I celebrated my new birthday July 23, 1991. I'm female, Yeah! Would like to hear from people with a sense of humor who enjoy being alive, KNOW WHO THEY ARE OR are at least trying to find out. All MEN are especially encouraged to reply."

Tabitha Valkyrie, P O Box 14328, Raleigh NC 27620-4328 (NC-2616)

ANNA LARSON (NC) (#58)

Member of IFGE.

WM, CD, 36 years old, BS in Human Biology. "Enjoy reading, conversation, shopping, and fine dining. Would like to start a support group in the Greensboro and Winston-Salem area."

Anna Larson, P O Box 4361, Greensboro NC 27404, (NC-3091)

ANNE MARIE HARTMAN (NC) (#58)

MWM, 48, 5'9", 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in classical music, sailing, golf, and girl watching. "Life-long cross-dresser with special interest in lingerie and hosiery. Passable at times. Would like to meet new TV/TS friends for mutual support. I respond to all correspondence promptly."

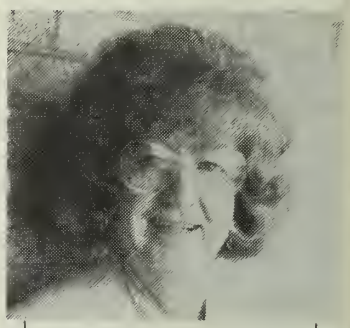
A. M. Hartman, P O Box 34102, Charlotte NC 28234 (NC-3066)

JANICE LONG (NC) (#59)

SWM, 35, lifelong TV, 6'2". Interested in cooking, shopping, reading, photography, and traveling. "I enjoy dressing, but haven't had the opportunity to do so lately. Due to work and home life, I must just dress sporadically. Would enjoy correspondence and possibly meeting others, particularly tall sisters, and those who have told their SOs."

Janice L. (NC-3146)

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)



BOBBI RENEE LONG (SC) (#58)

Member: Kappa Beta

MWM, 55, 5'8". "I spend most of my CD time in public. I love dancing, shopping, eating out, and any activity that I can do as a woman. I like conservative clothes and make-up. I've had speech therapy and hormones have eliminated the need for pads to have a feminine body. I'll write all."

Bobbi Renee Long, P O Box 210276, Columbia SC 29221 (SC-2149)

CHRIS K. (SC) (#59)

SWM, 38, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, closeted CD. Interested in music, travel, and people. "I'm looking to meet new

friends, TVs, TSs, and supportive women. Welcome letters. Can travel in NC, SC, FL, and GA."

Chris K. (SC-3204)

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

DIANNE KENDALL (GA) (#61)

Member: Tri-Ess: Sigma Epsilon

Participant: Fantasia Fair '90, Be All '90, T-Party '91, Southern Comfort '91. Columnist for The American Crossdresser.

"Life-long TV, willowy, sensuous, feminine with extensive wardrobe including much lingerie. Heels for every occasion. I write stories about boys being sweetly dressed as girls by girls."

Dianne K. (GA-1298)

GINGER M. (GA) (#58)

SWM, early 50's, 6'2", 195, submissive, bisexual. Interested in travel, photography, fishing, golf, and quiet intimate dinners. "New to crossdressing. Not out of closet. Love all things feminine: silks, satins, leather, heels, and boots. Open to all ideas. Would love to exchange letters and photos. Will answer all. Can travel to meet as time permits."

Ginger M. (GA-2098)

D-JAE S. (GA) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Mid 40's, 185, 5'8". Interested in people, aviation, ham radio, travel. "Enjoy corresponding with others. Travel southeast US a lot, other regions occasionally. Dressed since childhood. Enjoy going out, and social functions with sisters. Will answer all."

Diane Jae Shere, P O Box 89, Lithia Springs GA 30057 (GA-2126)

MELANIE S. (GA) (#58)

Member: Dixie Belles

Participant: Be All

Married lifetime CD, 46, 5'13", 185. "I'm enjoying life more every day, especially since Melanie has met and made so many new special friends. Love satins, laces, and heels."

Melanie S. (GA-2265)

TINA JORDAN (GA) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

Thirty-something, blue eyes, brown hair, 12/13, great legs! "Married, wife is adjusting. Pass in public with a little trouble. Interested in computers, tantra, video films, meditation, the feminine self as a state of consciousness, and the inner goddess."

Tina J. (GA-2379)

JOANNA M. (NW GA) (#57)

Member: IFGE

39, 6', 147, blond hair, blue eyes, TV, married. Busy professional just now making the time to pursue my feminine side. Life-long TV. Almost passable. Interests include the outdoors, photography stills or video, music, travel, and people. "Want to meet new friends, GGs, TVs, TSs for correspondence, photo exchange, and personal/social relationships. Travel."

Joanna Monit, P O Box 490983, Atlanta GA 30349 (GA-2722)

FRANCES D. (GA) (#58)

6', 200, 45, BiWM. "My wife is supportive, but does not participate. I have been in the closet since, I started dressing as a pre-teen. Long to meet others in a similar situation. Into fulfilling fantasies and making special friends. I enjoy everything feminine."

Frances D. (GA-2952)

MELISSA T. (GA) (#58)

Attractive MWM, 40, 5'11", 14, easy going, adventurous, and understanding. Wife knows, but doesn't encourage. "I work hard to attain the total feminine look. Use heels, lingerie, corsets, and makeup to achieve transformation. Want to correspond with TVs, TSs, and couples. Answer all who send photo."

Melissa T. (GA-3047)

KAREN AMBER (GA) (#58)

Member: Montgomery Medical.

M-F TS, 37, 6', 155, brown hair and eyes. "Just starting out. Doing electrolysis, hope to start hormones soon. Interested in corresponding and meeting TS's and genetic females, especially in the Atlanta area, to talk shop, and to help me perfect my feminine self. Send photo if possible. Discretion assured. Will answer all sincere letters."

Karen A. (GA-3081)

LORI DEE HARMON (GA) (#58)

5'11", 190, brown hair and eyes. Enjoy the masculine: hunting fishing, golf, football; as well as the feminine: lingerie, heels, feminine clothes, make-up . . . "Life-long TV. Wife knows, but is not supportive. Hope someday to be able to pass and to venture out in public. Enjoy the classy, feminine career look. Would like help with make-up and wig styling. Would like to hear from sisters who go on without support, and from those who have found it. Not sure about meeting you as yet."

L. Harmon, P O Box 674631, Marietta GA 30067 (GA-3105)

RACHEL W. (GA) (#60)

MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have great, accepting family. Would like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

Rachel W. (GA-3251)

ANNIE LYNN (GA) (#59)

Tall, 33, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends to help me relax and be myself. Travel some. Would like to write and meet some other ladies to have fun and learn more about being a woman."

Annie Lynn, Box 4423, Atlanta GA 30302 (GA-3298)

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

JENNIFER REECE (FL) (#60)

SWM, hetero, 38.

Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

Jennifer R. (FL-0739)

VANESSA S. (FL) (#57)

Member, Tri-Ess

Hetero TV, 5'7", 155, professional. Interested in reading history and mystery, avid collector of photos, articles, books, and videos on crossdressing. Also sports, music, stamp collecting and writing (have published in Femanine) and most especially dressing whenever possible as Vanessa. "My fashion favorites are party dresses and heels, heels, heels."

Vanessa S. (FL-1178)

PETRA D. (FL) (#57)

Member: Sigma Epsilon Chapter

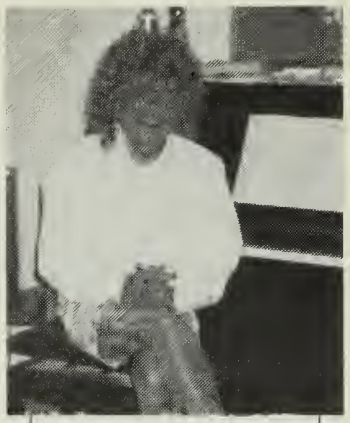
Mid-thirties, married to supportive wife with one daughter. "Recently came out, but believe in the importance of wider CD community. Just moved to north Florida and want to communicate with others. My interests include photography, computers, soccer, pretty clothes, and projecting my inner femininity outwardly."

Petra D., P O Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315 (FL-1314)

CATHI Y. (FL) (#58)

MWM, hetero,TV, 41, 6'1", 170. "Love the feminine look, from gowns to short skirts. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others.

Cathi Y. (FL-1393)



VANESSA (C FL) (#58)

Member: Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles

45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

E.B., P O Box 1076, Venice FL 34284-1076 (FL-1396)

PHYLLIS C. (FL) (#59)

45, WM, 5'4", married. "Looking for new friends in the Tampa Bay area. Have been cross-dressing for years, mostly in private. I have an understanding wife. Enjoy high heels and that feminine feeling."

Phyllis C. (FL-1473)

PENNY THOMAS (FL) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu, IFGE.

Attended: Southern Comfort.

40, 6', brunette, and heavier than I wish. Interested in computers, science fiction & mysteries, roller blading, and trying to discover who I am. "Erratic writer, but will try to answer letters."

Penny T. (FL-1671)

SAMIE DIANNE B. (SW FL) (#56)

Widower, 63, 5'8", 160. "I cross-dress whenever possible, & wear lingerie all the time. I have been a closet cross-dresser for 30 years with 2 wives and several women friends. I wore the dresses and they wore the slacks. Now I want out of the closet."

Samie B. (FL-1793)

CYNTHIA SILVA (FL) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess.

SWM, hetero CD, 60's, 5'9", 200 lbs. Interested in working with my computer and amateur radio, VHF mobile, dressing whenever possible. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CDs, TVs, and understanding GGs for femme talk, improving my femme personality and appearance, and have photo sessions."

Cynthia Silva, Box 18884, Tampa FL 33679-8884 (FL-1848)

JACQUELYN NOWLING (FL) (#57)

Member: Sigma Epsilon

Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

Jacquelyn N. (FL-2063)

LAURA O. (E FL) (#57)

Member: Crossroads, Central Florida Sisters

WM hetero TV, 46, 6', 160, passable, professional, widely travelled. "Like to be Laura as much as possible. Usually spend weekends en femme, shopping, dining, etc. Active in TV group activities. Wish to write and meet other crossdressers from all over the U.S."

Laura O., Suite 226, 2899 E.Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48083 (FL-2106)

ELEN L. (FL) (#57)

White, single CD, 5'6", 130, early 40's, brown eyes and brown hair, size 10. Interests include cooking, music and nature, camping and travel. Love wigs. "Would like to write and meet other CDs. Would love to go out shopping and dining dressed. Hope to go to some of the events of IFGE. Would love assistance in improving my passability."

Elen L. (FL-2636)

KATHERINE M. (FL) (#58)

Tall, forties. Interests are many and include cooking, sailing, movies, books, and music. Love to camp and hike. Wish to correspond, perhaps meet with other cross-gendered people in Southern Florida. Look forward to your letter (and photo?).

Katherine M. (FL-2244)

HALEY TIRESIUS (FL) (#57)

Writer, interested in gender issues, clinical research, case histories, vocational issues, treatment issues. "I am interested in hearing from others in FL."

Haley T. (FL-2332)

MICHELLE H. (FL) (#57)

Single, Bi TV, 5'7", 135, attractive, passable, goes out often. Enjoy music, dancing, nightclubbing, friendship, romance. "Want to correspond and meet with other TV/TSs, and to date men."

Michelle H., P O Box 451, Dunedin FL 34697 (FL-2692)

JAMIE D. (FL) (#57)

6'2", 250, WM, 46. Interests: Music, shopping, out-of-doors activity. "I enjoy dominant GGs who enjoy insisting on training me in feminine cultures and dressing me in soft feminine clothing."

Jamie D. (FL-2802)

JOAN M. (FL) (#57)

TV, 66, 5'4", single. Interested in drawing, painting, all the arts. "I am a life-long crossdresser. I like to correspond and meet other TVs or TSs in southwest FL for friendship and support."

Joan M. (FL-2821)

PATRICIA (PATTY) T. (FL) (#57)

48, 5'5",140. Former professional, now totally self-employed. Interested in hot-air ballooning, hiking, photography, art, shopping, being dressed as often as possible. "Been dressing most of my life and only recently discovered there are others. Wife is not supportive, making it more difficult to find someone to talk with. I'd love to correspond and meet other sisters. I go out in public often and would love company."

Patricia T. (FL-2856)

MICHELLE (FL) (#57)

6'3", 200, attractive. Interested in garters, high heels, stockings. "I'm looking for friends in Ft. Myers, FL to talk to and crossdress with. Happily married heterosexual man. Looking for other TVs, TSs, women, or couples."

Michelle (FL-2887)

JODY N. (FL) (#57)

Member: Central Florida Sisters.

SWM, CD, 5'6", 130, 36. TS inclinations. Interested in total feminization, reading, golf, and physical fitness. "Seeking correspondence geared towards eventual meetings with understanding, attractive females, couples, and TSs. Photo please if possible."

Jody N. (FL-2968)

LINDA A. (FL) (#57)

SWM, hetero CD, 62, retired. "Love to meet people, make friends, correspond, etc. Been dressing for years. Would love to hear from people in the C FL area. Am now at a point where I can live and become the person I want to be. Please write."

Linda A. (FL-2970)

ELIZABETH N DOUGLAS (FL) (#58)

5'7", 145, 36, ash blonde, brown eyes, quite passable. Interested in golf, race cars. "Have been crossdressing since early adolescence. Now coming out and enjoying both sides of life. Would love to meet others for shopping fun, girl talk, and help with getting out in public more comfortably."

Elizabeth N Douglas, P O Box 40012, St. Petersburg FL 33743 (FL-2972)

CATHY R. (FL) (#58)

SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

C. R., Box 604, Apopka FL 32704 (FL-3007)

DEBORAH JO B. (FL) (#57)

DWM, 41, 6', 160, black hair, brown eyes, M-F TS since birth. Interested in homemaking, becoming a wife, lover, partner to a warm, sensitive, caring husband. "Love to cook, sew, take care of place. Love romantics. Would love to develop friendships with other TVs, TSs, and post-ops. Some day will be my time for SRS, and I need all the help and encouraging I can, now."

Deborah J. Bando, P O Box 0206, Green Cove Spring FL 32043 (FL-3014)

SUSAN S. (FL) (#59)

MWM, 5'10", 158, CD, totally hetero, above average at all sports. Interested in collecting slips, half slips, and old crinolines. "Lifelong sense of guilt since I realized I liked to wear feminine things. As an only child, my mother wanted a girl. She encouraged me to be her 'daughter.' My pre-school years were a cross-dresser's fantasy. Looking for those who had a similar experience. Will answer all."

Susan S., 1971 W. Lumsden, Suite 121, Brandon FL 33511 (FL-3130)

JANESSA DELITE (FL) (#59)

Member: Serenity, Hollywood, FL.

5'9", blue/green eyes, 150, TV/TS. Interested in shopping for clothes, going out to hot night spots. Meeting new friends. "Lifelong crossdresser and active member of the TV/TS community. Would like to be more involved in helping others, and in participating in national events."

Janessa Delite, P O Box 970645, Miami FL 33197 (FL-3141)

LAURA BETH CAMFIELD (FL) (#58)

MWM, 45, 250, 5'10". CD for 34 years. "After a decade of dressing and passing successfully, I was forced back into the closet by a cancer surgery resulting in a scar I had to cover with a beard, and glandular weight gain of 70 pounds. Always a woman inside, I wear lingerie and heels at work, and correspond with sisters nationwide. My male counterpart is a published novelist, excellent ball-room dancer. Please write, I'll write back."

Laura Beth Camfield, P O Box 358, Tallcuast FL 34270 (FL-3148)

KATHY GAIL DRIAPER (FL) (#60)

Member: IFGE, AEGIS, Sigma Epsilon, Tallahassee, FL.

Founder: Gender Information Network of Gainesville (GING).

Small business owner, ex-communicated minister, 6'3", 175, androgynous pre-op TS on hormones, over fifty hours electrolysis. "Need voice therapy. Help! Love nylon lingerie, latex panties, Spandex outfits, nylon scarves. Prefer girdles to gowns, Reebocks to heels. Enjoy bucking the trend. Friends say I am strange, and I am."

Kathy G. Driaper (FL-3192)

HEATHER PHILLIPS (FL) (#59)

5'10", 170. Enjoy lovely feminine things, friendship, and all kinds of music. Read Vogue, Glamour, and Cosmo. Like to shop and garden. Interested in personal growth. Phone number and photo would be appreciated.

Heather Phillips, P O Box 2991, Brandon FL 33509-2991 (FL-3278)

BOBBI REED (FL) (#59)

5'7", 130, slender build. Very real

breasts. Interested in writing, video, meeting new friends, travel, and sharing new ideas. "I would like to become a member of some group, but time and job prevent that at present. Would be glad to hear from anyone that has time to write. Am always open to new information and ideas."

Bobbi R. (FL-3171)

MICHELLE H. (FL) (#59)

35, MWM, CD/TV, 6', 160, hetero. Interested in computers, baseball, reading, female fashion, shopping. "After many years of desire, I have just started dressing in the past few months. Wife knows and is trying to be supportive and helpful. Would like to meet and correspond with others, especially in the Tampa Bay area. Would like to join a Tri-Ess chapter."

Michelle H. (FL-3189)

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG (AL) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

70, 5'10". "Still closeted and would appreciate letters. Will reply quickly."

Anne Armstrong, P.O. Box 7331-A, Birmingham AL 35253 (AL-1478)

MARY JANE WALKER (N AL) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Originally from St. Joseph, MO. Now living in N. AL. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N.AL or GA area. Will answer to all who write."

M. Walker (AL-2105)

RENEE' PHILLIPS (AL) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

Renee' Phillips, P O Box 241092, Montgomery AL 36124-1092 (AL-2535)

MICHELLE STEADMAN (N AL) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, Director of Sigma Rho Gamma Chapter - SERGA, Beta Chi, Sigma Epsilon.

MWM, 37, hetero-CD, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, professionals. "Married to an exceptional woman who made me blossom. We work together for and in the gender community. We formed a chapter of Tri-Ess. My wife is the SERGA liaison for the Wives and Partners Concerns. We love to write. You may write to us individually, or as a couple."

Michelle Steadman, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802 (AL-2547)

LAUREN HALL (AL) (#59)
Member: IFGE.

"Friendly, sincere, interested in making new friends and becoming more active in the gender community. Interests include music, literature, exercise, and sailing. Would love to hear from all who are honest, sincere, and non-exploitive. Interested in relationship with genetic female. Single, late 30's, professional."

Lauren Hall, P O Box 55184, Birmingham AL 35255-0184 (AL-3202)

PAULA EMILY (AL) (#57)

Member: The Montgomery Foundation.

TV/TS.

Paula E. (AL-2820)

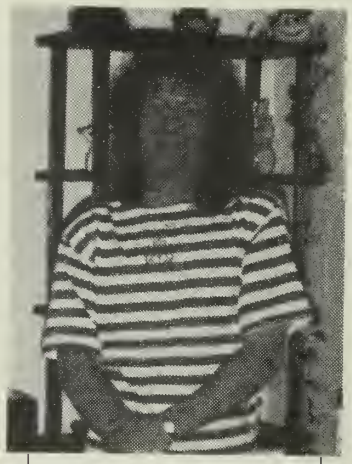
CELESTE RICHARDS (AL) (#59)

Member: SERGA.

WM, 40, 180, 5'9", married to college sweetheart. Computer nerd and Macintosh guru. "All my life, I, my family and friends knew I was different, but we didn't know what it was. Four months ago I discovered crossdressing, and that was the answer. Want to gain understanding and learn how to pass. Interested in connecting with other CD's and women."

Celeste R. (AL-3197)

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)



CRYSTAL DAWN BOYD (TN) (#57)

Pre-op, M-F, TS, 30's, 5'6", blue eyes. "Mostly passible. Desire to correspond with and possibly meet pre- or post-op sisters, as well as TVs and GGs who could handle as well as care for and assist a lady to be all that she was meant to be. Also interested in forming a home (possibly co-op) for TSs in the Memphis area or one of the surrounding states."

Crystal Dawn Boyd, S.T.S.R.C.F., #101461, Route 4, Box 600, Pikeville TN 37367 (TN-1701)

TAMMI MCINTYRE (E TN) (#56)

Member: Crossroads

Participant: Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair

Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."

Tammi M. (TN-1732)

RUBBER RACHEL (TN) (#59)

Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyed TV.

"I would like to correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TV's interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste, and understanding, always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flared skirts."

R. R., P O Box 210362, Nashville TN 37221-0362 (TN-1640)

ROBYN K. (E TN) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

MWM, 44, 5'8", 136, passable; professional, with an advanced college degree; involved in counselling. Love to go shopping en femme. Hobbies include singing, guitar playing, reading, fishing and baseball card collecting. "I would like to correspond with either CD or TS individuals as well as genetic females interested in offering tips on improving one's feminine image. I will try to answer all letters."

Robyn K. (TN-2744)

RITA HEFELFINGER (TN) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon

SWM, TV, 46, 5'6", 140, size 14, passable. Interested in photography, sewing, watching VH-1, computers, and taking short trips out of town to meet with other couples. "Living with a wonderfully supportive woman, who helps. Out of the closet three years. Go out in daytime and evening. Letter with photo gets mine. I

promise to answer all."

Rita Hefelfinger, P.O. Box 732, Hermitage TN 37076-0732 (TN-2860)

RHONDA WILSON (TN) (#58)

36, 6', 190, DWM, hetero TV, muscular, but shapely when dressed. Interested in poetry, song-writing, walking, traveling, most music, dressing. "Wife does not approve. Trying to build nerve to come out of closet. Would like to hear from single or DWF who understands the need to be a whole instead of a half person. Travel extensively. Drive for a living. Will answer all who write."

Rhonda W. (TN-3032)

KAREN T. (TN) (#58)

DWM, 5'11", 133, 50's. "I love dressing in short skirts and heels which show off my slim figure and make me feel sexy and feminine. I'm shy and would not dress in public. In private, or in small groups, however, I would like to make new friends interested in cross-dressing. I'd especially like to meet a discreet, caring, slim TV who lives a few hours' drive from Chattanooga."

Karen T. (TN-3039)

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

REBECCA ALLISON (MS) (#60)

MWM, AA, future CD, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in travel and reading. "I love being Rebecca when possible, but family and professional restraints make cross-dressing very limited. Personal meetings not possible at this time, but I will try to answer all correspondence."

Rebecca A. (MS-3237)

LESLIE GILL (MS) (#58)

Member: Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi

MWM, 35, 5'9". "I want to correspond with other CDs from MS and LA. Will answer all correspondence. I pass well."

Leslie G. (MS-2138)

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LINDA BUTEN (KY) (#57)

Member: Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors.

Participant: Be All, Coming Together.

MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

Linda B. (KY-2001)

PATTI HALL (KY) (#58)

Member: IXE.

"Hello! I am a person in my mid thirties exploring and enjoying the beauty of womanhood. My other interests include folk music and dance, vegetarian cooking and, peacekeeping. I welcome correspondence from my sisters, and I occasionally think of starting a TV/TS support group in the Louisville area. I look forward to hearing from you.

Patti Hall, PO Box 7224, Louisville KY 40257 (KY-2035)

LAURA RENEE PIERCE (KY) (#57)

Member: Cross-Port.

Participant: Be All '91.

Pre-op TS, 44, 5'6", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in computers, cooking, fashion, photography, learning more about make-up, hairstyling, dancing, and being a lady. "Now living full time as a woman. After many years, goals are being reached, and I feel good about who I am. Would love to meet new friends to lend support. Will do my best to answer all."

Laura Renee P. (KY-2843)

OHIO (434- 457-)

MICHELLE M. (S OH) (#62)

Member: Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega.

Hetero married crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 15 years to an "A" wife who accepts and helps. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk', and picture-taking sessions. Needs help to enhance feminine voice. Interested in meeting other married crossdressers in SW Ohio."

Michelle M. (OH-0954)

TONI H. (OH) (#57)

Athletic TV from the Columbus area. "If your closet is deep enough for two, write, and let's talk it over. Security is my password."

Toni H. (OH-1066)

KIMBERLY SUZANNE G. (SW OH) (#59)

"Thirty-four-year-old cross-dresser interested in improving all aspects of feminine style. Hope to meet intelligent, interesting people to help with new behavior. GG/TV/TSs all welcomed. Inexperienced, but willing to learn. Will try to answer all who write."

Kimberly S. Graycheck, P O Box 751632, Dayton OH 45475 (OH-1628)

AMANDA LYNN (OH) (#59)

Member: Paradise Club

SWM Bi-TV, still in closet and need friends. Would especially like female to help and build a lasting relationship. "I smoke and am a social drinker. I bowl, golf, and enjoy the quietness of fishing. I am interested in hormone treatment. Enjoy all fem clothing, but get into looking slutty (sorry). PLEASE, no photo collectors. Only sincere people need to reply."

Amanda L. (OH-1670)

MARY R. (OH) (#58)

Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total role reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

Mary R. (OH-1731)

CATHERINE L. ANDREWS (OH) (#60)

Member: Transpitt.

Participant: Be All, Lambda Ball

MWM CD, 5'7", 170, 45. "As a lifelong CD I have accepted myself for who I am. I enjoy meeting new people and corresponding. Deeply committed to the IFGE. I enjoy outreach programs and working for the good of our entire community."

Catherine A. (OH-1770)

MARILYN CRISTI (NE OH) (#60)

Member: Paradise Club, Director of Outreach Education.

Participant: 1991 Be All Programs/ Speakers Chair

Legal, full-time woman. "Seeking responses from your organization's outreach personnel regarding best techniques in dealing with mixed audiences. Include any dates that you might be passing through Ohio and your availability for outreach. Please include headway with municipal, county, state, or federal officials."

Marilyn Cristi, P.O. Box 33496, Cleveland OH 44133 (OH-1919)

JOANNE W. (NE OH) (#57)

MWM, 40, 5'10", 175, understanding wife. Interests include jazz, photography, fishing. "I have been crossdressing since childhood, and have an extensive wardrobe. I love dressing, and would like to meet and correspond with other girls. So, let's exchange photos and letters, and maybe get together."

Joanne W. (OH-1941)

GLORIA C. (SW OH) (#57)

MWM, 47, 5'10", 220, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in computers, flying & building aircraft, amateur radio, square dancing, scuba diving, & forced crossdressing. "Want to meet sincere friends, GG/TVs for friendship. Non-supportive wife. Want to meet aggressive people, very eager for acceptance."

Gloria C. (OH-1993)

SUSAN M. (N OH) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess. Alpha Omega.

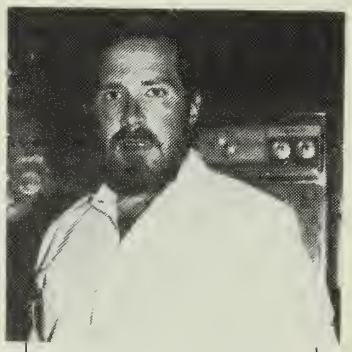
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6.5', 185. "Enjoy fishing, camping, old movies, and helping youngsters in Little League Baseball. Dress 2-3 times a week, still in closet. Want to correspond with hetero CDs in the Huron-Erie County area. If you are still in closet, and frustrated, Sue would make a great girlfriend. Discretion expected."

Susan M. (OH-2053)

JAIMIE DOUGLAS (OH) (#58)

Single crossdresser, 5'10", 155, 26. Interested in fitness, shopping, music, sports, and sexy clothing. "Would like to correspond with other CDs and possibly get together with crossdressers in the Central Ohio area. I'm looking forward to hearing from you."

Jaimie D. (OH-2140)



WAYNE L. (E OH) (#57)

Single male, 30, country boy, outdoorsy type of guy. Enjoy motorcycling, nature walks, travelling, music. "Would like to correspond and later meet with TV/TSs, 18-35, for understanding and supportive friendship and possible relationship. I'm discreet and sincere."

W.K., P.O. Box 282, Bellaire OH 43906 (OH-2671)

MEGAN S. (NE OH) (#57)

WM, 5'11", 230, from Lake County. Interested in astronomy and flying. "Just coming out, and would like to find others in my area."

Megan S. (OH-2678)

JENNY WILLIAMS (NE OH) (#57)

5'11", 175, hazel eyes, brown hair, bi SW TV. Interests include the outdoors, photography, new age music, spiritualism, UFO's. "I'm searching for TV/TSs and understanding women for friendship, support, and assistance in perfecting my feminine side. Possible roommate available if a lasting friendship comes about. I'm looking forward to coming out of the closet soon. ALL replies answered! I'm serious, aren't you?"

Jenny W., 23146 Lorain #171, Cleveland OH 44070 (OH-2714)

MARJORIE MILLER (NE OH) (#57)

Member: Paradise Club

SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

Ms. Marjorie Miller, P.O. Box 44006 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn OH 44144 (OH-2719)

CATHERINE MICHALEK (OH) (#57)

"I love shopping for my wardrobe. I have a collection of books and magazines on crossdressing. I hate male clothes and don't own any. I have dressed since childhood as female. I am a full-time TV. I enjoy corresponding with TV's, and will answer all. Please send pictures."

Catherine M. (OH-2877)

JILL BUZA (OH) (#57)

Member: Paradise

SWM, pre-op TS, 5'9", 145, brown hair, blue eyes. "Interested in corresponding with other TSs (pre- and post-op) to share matters of mutual interest."

Jill Buza, P.O. Box 16063, Rocky River OH 4116 (OH-2883)

MELISSA E. DAHON (OH) (#57)

MWM, Bi, TV, 47, 6', 175, self-employed artist. Active in the sixties, trying again in the nineties. Wife totally unaccepting. Interested in high fashion, fine dining, music, environmental issues, quiet evenings with someone special. "Creative, vivid imagination, feminine nature. Hoping to share my though with other TV/TSs. Will consider dating tall, slim, sensitive males, who know how to treat a lady with respect."

Melissa D. (OH-2904)

JOYCE S. (SW OH) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

SWM, CD, 5'11", 180, 58 years young. Interested in reading, music, gardening, traveling. "I go out dressed about once a week--to movies, classical concerts, and shopping. I want to meet other CD/TSs to share these activities and to gain some help in being more feminine. I will answer all letters as soon as possible."

Joyce S. (OH-2925)

PATRICIA B. (OH) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega Chapter.

Attended: Be All 1991.

MWM, 65, 5'10", 160, retired customer service manager. Interested in dressing and being a woman, being outdoors walking and hiking, photography, and reading. "Found I was a CD a few years ago. Didn't realize what was different about me all those years. Wife knows, is trying to accept and be supportive, but it's not going well. My five children do not know. Help! Am going back into closet."

Patricia B. (OH-3026)

SHIRLEY MOST (OH) (#58)

Member: Crossport, but too far away to attend meetings.

SWM, 38, 5'4", 135, auburn hair, brown eyes. Interested in computers, fishing, and just being a girl. "Would love to correspond with and meet other TVs in Canton/New Philadelphia area.

Have yet to meet any local TVs. Would love to trade girl talk and size ten clothes. Picture would be nice. Want to explore all aspects of being a woman."

Shirley Most, P O Box 6044, New Philadelphia OH 44663 (OH-3111)

JULIE S. GILBERT
(SW OH) (#59)

SWM, TV, 35, 5'8". Interested in new age music and meeting new people. "I am warm and caring, well adjusted and friendly. My passion is getting all dolled up in short, full petticoats and pretty party dresses to enjoy quiet romantic evenings. Would love to date sincere, discreet gentlemen, and meet TV's who love dressing in petticoats, aprons, and ultra-feminine outfits. Can travel."

Julie G. (OH-3117)

JENNY R. (OH) (#59)

6', WM, 135, blue eyes. Interested in long walks, motorcycles, and learning to pass. "I am a novice CD who would like some friends for mutual support and possible excursions outside our closets."

Jenny R. (OH-3118)

JOAN B. (OH) (#59)

MWM, 46, Bi-TV, 175, 5'6", professional, honest, intelligent, caring, and very discreet. Don't pass very well. Interested in sports, everything feminine, romantic evenings, and long walks. "Want to write and meet TV/TSs and GGs for friendship and help in becoming more feminine and passing. Wife does not approve. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Trying to come out. First ever. Will answer all."

Joan B. (OH-3224)

LUELLA M. GREENE (OH) (#59)

Single, 51, 6'2", 178, slender, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, bookkeeping, gardening, cooking/baking, learning to sew, and calligraphy. "Have indulged in cross-dressing since age 14. Worked as a pit musician in drag while touring with La Cage aux folles for nine months. Sort of enjoyed it."

Luella G. (OH-3239)

THERESA R. (OH) (#60)

Member: Paradise Club.

SWM, 39, TV, 6'6", 265, black hair, brown eyes. Interested in reading, nature, camping, golf, sports, traveling by car in the countryside. "Been dressing for fifteen years. Still in closet. Afraid to venture out. Would like to meet other TV/TSs, understanding women. Have found peace and happiness with myself and now wish to share this with others. Will reply to all."

Theresa R. (OH-3244)

DEBBIE C. (OH) (#60)

Member: Cross-Port

Hetero, TV, 5'9", 165, 32, light brown hair, green eyes. Interested in bicycling, golf, movies, billiards, motorcycling, and sports cars. "Looking for a genetic woman who likes a man with a softer side for a possible long-term relationship. Wish to hear from and meet other TV/TSs in the Cincinnati area. Somebody please help me with my hair and makeup."

Debbie C. (OH-3286)

INDIANA (463- 479-)

YVONNE COOK -RILEY
(IN) (#99)

IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee.

Member: Lifetime member IXE.

Awards: IFGE Trinity Award, 1991.

Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

Yvonne C. (IN-1009)

DEBORAH ANNE K. (IN) (#58)

Member: IXE, Tri-Ess

MWM, TV, 50, 5'9", size 18. Interested in gardening, boating, bowling, handgun and rifle target-shooting, computers, cooking. "My wife is aware but has no further interest. I am a stay-at-home type person, quiet, and rather bashful. I would still like to meet others and will try to answer any correspondence."

A. Kinsey, P.O. Box 550, Roanoke IN 46783 (IN-2011)

KRYSTLE C. (IN) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

Hetero CD, 49, 5'7", 140, small-boned (look 39). "Raised as a girl for seven years by mother. Hair was curled nightly, and was given home permanents. Slept in night-gowns. Especially love beauty shops, make-up, beautiful night-gowns, and shopping. Seek relationship with a real woman who likes the soft side of a man, and can help me feel better about myself. I am sincere and affectionate."

Krystle C. (IN-2312)

DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN) (#99)

Member: IXE, IFGE Staff

Female CD, 40. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

Dan Riley, (IN-1802)

BARBARA ELLEN
BERTRAND (IN) (#58)

Member: Cross-port, Chicago Gender Society

Participant: 1991 Be-All

TS, 5'3", 135, 35, brown hair, hazel eyes. "Finally getting together with people to help me through transition. Would like to correspond and meet with TS's and TV's to get a small local group started. I enjoy sci-fi, Roman and Greek art, archeology, and history and ancient civilizations.

B. E. Bertrand, P.O. Box 728, New Albany IN 47151-0728 (IN-2324)

RIKKI B. (C IN) (#59)

Bi TV/TS, 35. "Shy and lonely emerging transsexual needs understanding friends to help with my transformation."

Rikki B., P.O. Box 1962, Anderson IN 46014 (IN-2578)

VICKIE MANSFIELD
(C IN) (#57)

Member: IXE, CGS.

Participant: IFGE Denver, Be All '91.

TS, young 48, 6' and graceful. "I am working to transition in my current job, now living 3-4 days as my real self. I am active in the Catholic Church and in MSIA, ministering to the gender community. I enjoy cooking, dancing, fine wines, good conversation, and will do my best to answer all letters."

Vickie Mansfield, P.O. Box 29408, Indianapolis IN 46229-0408 (IN-2647)

JAMIE STONE (IN) (#57)

Member: IXE, Cross Port, IFGE.

6', 150, 40, brown hair and eyes, TV with TS desires. Interested in photography, biking, reading, music, dressing, good food and conversation, and romantic movies. "Looking forward to meeting and corresponding with other TV/TSs."

Jamie S. (IN-2789)

KAREN M. (C IN) (#57)

Member: IXE.

SWM, 41, 6', 168, professional, attractive, personable, and fun. Interests include reading, especially history; languages - fluent in four; and of course, perfecting my femininity. "Trying to integrate Karen into a very busy life. Looking for friends in the community for support. I'm especially interested in meeting more women accepting of my qualities and quirks."

Karen M. (IN-0807)

GLORIA C. (SE IN) (#57)

Single TV, 33, 5'9", 160, brown hair and eyes. "In the closet all my life. Live alone in a small town. Like to dress pretty and wear high heels when I night-drop bills. Interests include auto racing, gardening, fishing, all outdoors, photography, dressing, and shopping. Want to start getting out and meeting other TV/TS friends to correspond and have girl talk with. I'm lonely! Please write. Free to travel in area."

Gloria Ann C. (IN-2872)

MICHELLE H. (IN) (#59)

Single TV, TS tendencies, 35, 6', 180, blue eyes, brown hair.
Interested in music, Star Trek, football, lingerie, breast development. "In and out of the closet the last few years. Would like to correspond with other TV's and TS's. Very interested in development on hormones and in trading pictures and letters. Will respond to all who write."

Michelle H. (IN-3099)

RHONDA DEE S. (IN) (#59)

5'8", 140, 44, brown eyes and hair. Interested in flying, computers, gender issues, support. "Would like to correspond and/or meet those with similar interests."

Rhonda Dee S. (IN-3170)

DANA S. (IN) (#57)

SWM, 5'8", 145, 29, attractive, businessman, entrepreneur, straight, and very discreet. Interested in sports, movies, history, the arts, and aerobics. "Enjoy meeting transsexuals. I find them fascinating, and very enjoyable company. Have crossdressed myself merely for the thrill of it. Would enjoy correspondence."

Dana S. (IN-2945)

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

TERRI SUZANNE SCOTT (MI) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

Participant: 'Be All'

Personable lady who enjoys life and grows more confident in her feminine being every day. Life's goal is to become an active member of society as a woman. Actively working towards that goal. "I'm interested in correspondence only with other women who have accepted themselves and are working towards similar goals."

Terri Suzanne Scott, P.O. Box 728, Birmingham MI 48012 (MI-0476)

MILESA PHAR (MI) (#56)

Member: Crossroads.

Participant: 9 'Be All's

Past President and newsletter editor of Crossroads. Married TV. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, travel, occasionally go out as Milesa. Have lectured at colleges about TVism. Was past coordinator of Be All Convention. Phone line outreach at Crossroads. Produced audio tapes for wife and TV understanding."

Milesa Phar, P.O. Box 196, Garden City MI 48135 (MI-0976)

JENNIFER ANN NELSON (SE MI) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

5'11", 160, size 14, with brown hair and blue eyes. "Cherish time spent as Jennifer. Am just getting to know myself, and understand my feelings as a woman. My passion for clothes includes short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. I love to meet my sisters, and to be escorted on my travels. I will respond to your letters as best I can."

Jennifer N., P O Box 431726, Pontiac MI 48343 (MI-1165)

MARCIA ANN T. (E MI) (#60)

Member: Tri-Ess, Crossroads

Attended: 1991 Be All

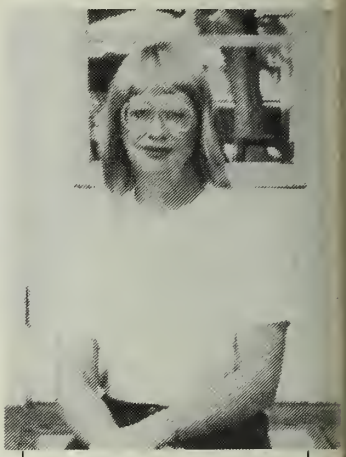
WM TV, 5'10", 165, 60's. "Tri-city area, very experienced, having shopped and dined in public for over 25 years. Love to share experiences with other sisters. Love to correspond, and promise prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

Marcia Ann T. (MI-1871)

ROBERT K. (SE MI) (#57)

Single male, 5'8", 170, 28, educated. "I would like to correspond/meet an ultra-feminine, pre-or post-op TS. I appreciate a creative mind as much as an attractive face and figure. Enjoy travel, tennis, skiing, movies, fine food, and stimulating conversation."

Robert K. (MI-2002)



DENISE BEACH (C MI) (#60)

Pre-op TS, 165, blond hair, blue eyes, 43, single. Enjoys movies, shopping, warm conversation, and helping others. "Am on hormones, had legal name change February '91. I have overcome many obstacles and would be happy to help others who seek advice."

Denise B. (MI-2483)

RANDI N. (SE MI) (#60)

Member: Crossroads.

5'9", 170, brown hair/eyes. Interested in movies, football, being as feminine as possible. MWM, Bi. "Have been cross-dressing for years. Will be out of the closet next spring when I separate from the military. Expect to start hormones then. Want to correspond with others in Michigan."

Randi N., P.O. Box 46100, Mt. Clemens MI 48046 (MI-2581)

MARSHA K. (SE MI) (#57)

MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Passions are pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes in spite of size. Have just started going out. Would like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out if interested."

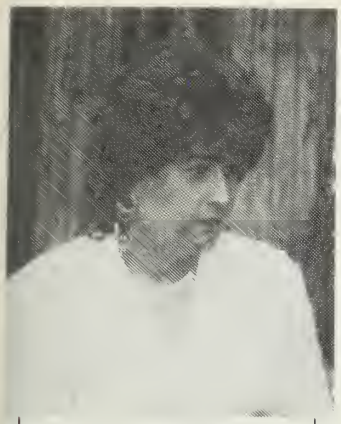
Marsha K. (MI-2719)

PEPPER JANE O. (MI) (#60)

Member: Crossroads, IME.

30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-F TG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling, muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "I'm seeking support and friendship from the Lansing area. Am also seeking employment in the southwestern states: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

P. J. Ottens, P.O. Box 27514, Lansing MI 48909 (MI-2745)



CHRISTINE H.
(SE MI) (#57)

5'6", 32, TV, blue-eyed, blond. "Interested in meeting femme sisters in S.E. MI area or surrounding areas. I would like to make new friends and build lasting relationships. Anyone interested in corresponding with me is welcome to write."

Christine H., P.O. Box 888, Wayne MI 48184 (MI-2803)

ELIZABETH MICHAELS (MI) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

5'11", 165, 35, dark hair, blue eyes, MWM. Interested in gourmet cooking, music, sports, fine wine. "I would love to be a woman. I have just recently started to explore the woman I have always been. I need a lot of help on make-up and clothing. I would love to have some girlfriends that I could talk to."

Elizabeth M. (MI-2831)

MICHELLE F. (MI) (#57)

WM TV, 5'10", 175, early 30's. "I am new to crossdressing. I like dressing pretty and feminine, especially in silk andheels. Interests include skiing, scuba, and most sports. Still in the closet but with help from a special wife I am trying to get out in public. Would like to hear from other sisters who have some suggestions on becoming more feminine."

Michelle F. (MI-2853)

LYNN MARIE DAVIS (MI) (#58)

SWM TV, tall. "Enjoy moments spent as a woman. Mostly in the closet. Seek friends with whom I can comfortably step out of the closet. Travel widely, sometimes at a moment's notice. Warm and caring. You can never have too many friends. Please write. Will answer all."

Lynn Marie Davis, PO Box 431855, Pontiac MI 48343 (MI-2980)

CINDY F. DINSER (MI) (#58)

Member: Crossroads, IME.

Attended eight Be Alls.

"Been with Crossroads eight years on the Board, Welcoming Committee, Be All Committee, Outreach. For information, send SAE."

Cindy F. Dinser, P O Box 651, Whitmore Lake MI 48189 (MI-3010)

JULIA M. (MI) (#58)

MWM, 6'2", 175, 33, hetero TV, attractive, successful professional who is just "coming out." Interested in reading, photography, and staying fit. "My wife has no knowledge. Want to develop female self before introducing her to my family. Enjoy the elegant look. I am looking for friendship and support and hope to become a caring girlfriend."

Julia M. (MI-2936)

SANDY M. (MI) (#58)

Member: IFGE.

"Would like to meet and date woman in 30's (no TV or TS) who can accept and appreciate a sincere, loving, 6', 180 lb., blond, athletic man who happens to enjoy private crossdressing. After two failed marriages, only most sincere person who is looking for an intimate relationship should respond. Should be athletic and love it: bike, tennis, etc."

Sandy M. (MI-3015)

JUDITH ASHBY (MI) (#58)

Member of IME.

Single TV with TS tendencies, passes well, 5'6". Interested in shopping for women's clothes, reading, feminine conversation, travel. "I would like to meet or correspond with anyone, male or female, who likes wearing women's clothes, or who would like to try it. Am experienced and could help those just starting, or those coming out of the closet. That's not a fun place to be."

Judith A. (MI-3079)

JOAN HERESY (MI) (#59)

Member: Crossroads (Royal Oak) and IME (Grand Rapids).

6'6", slender 190, 34, single. "Am a free lance artist using many mediums. Enjoy all aspects of femininity, quiet evenings at home, art galleries, most music, movies, and home improvement. Height hinders public acceptance, so I express Joan discreetly. Would love to hear from any/all of my sisters. Will reply thoughtfully ASAP. Hug yourself."

Joan Heresy, P O Box 13263, Lansing MI 48901 (MI-3299)

IOWA (500- 528-)

KAREN CASEY (IA) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, Iowa Artistry

MWM, 49, 6'4", 215, married 23 yrs. Interested in photography, cooking, reading, music, chess. "I hope to correspond with some interesting sisters, perhaps develop some new lifetime friendships."

Karen C. (IA-1170)

JANET BAKER (IA) (#57)

WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

D.R., P.O. Box 334, Ankemy IA 50021 (IA-2091)

ALISHA P. (IA) (#57)

6', 145, brn hair, blue eyes, 40, 10, shoe size: 10 wms, married with two young boys, white, hetero TV.

Interested in jazz rock, fine art, geology, scuba, skiing, sewing. "Love evening and bridal dresses, tight corsets, high heels. Lifelong TV, still in the closet. Venture out rarely, but travel frequently, especially to the Chicago area and Atlanta. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with same."

Alisha P. (IA-2071)

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

LINDA LEE ATHIE
(WI) (#59)

TS, 5'7", 165-175, blue eyes, brown hair or whatever color wig I decide to wear. Born August 1949. Interested in all things feminine, history of WW 2, war gaming, and photography. "I wish to correspond with anyone who wishes to write to me, and to contact those to whom I have written in the past. I wish correspondence, no personal meetings. I do answer all."

Linda Lee Athie, Box 340421, Milwaukee WI 53234 (WI-0529)

MARTHA M. (WI) (#59)

Member: Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society.

Attended: Be All '89, Holiday En Femme '91.

5'6", 150, 40. Interested in camping, hiking, cross country skiing, jogging, classical and light rock, folk, woodworking, and gardening. "Have only

come to accept my feminine side over the past five years. Don't get much chance to dress or get out, but would sure like to. Not the greatest correspondent, but will answer all, eventually."

Martha M. (WI-1459)

PAULA M. (W WI) (#57)

Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess National, Chi chapter (Chicago)

Participant: Be All\, Holiday En Femme

MWM, CD, 74, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Artist (painter), musician; terminal and advanced degrees in both. "Blessed with happy marriage to fully accepting, wonderfully supportive wife. We travel everywhere around the country as two women. No problems - we love it! Correspondence invited."

Paula M. (WI-2036)

JANET LYNN H. (WI) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter

SWM, 35, professional person. "Am into photography and travel. Love to shop for anything feminine and dressing up. Have been a CD for as long as I can remember. Love to hear from all who would care to write. Am trying hard to improve my femme side."

Janet H. (WI-2141)

KATHY KLINE (WI) (#58)

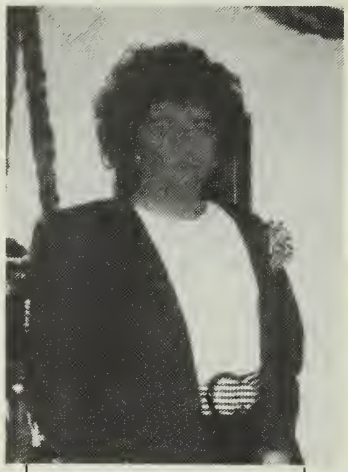
42, single male. "I've been dressing since 10 years old. Love music, karate, shopping and movies. Would like to meet female who can accept what I am. Will correspond with other sisters."

Kathy K. (WI-2234)

LESLEY ANN SKOJEN (WI) (#58)

SWM, TV with strong TS tendencies. 39, 6'4", 200, long brown hair, blue eyes. Sensitive, caring individual, slowly coming out. Interested in woodcraft, craftshows, meeting people, music, dancing, developing my femininity and feminine lifestyle. Correspondence and eventually meeting others of like interests. "My first listing in Tapestry. Discretion guaranteed and expected."

Lesley Ann S. (WI-3018)



PATRICIA P. (WI) (#57)

TV, 26, 5'8". Interested in music, playing guitar, dancing, skiing, reading. "Coming out of the closet, thanks to my girlfriend. Currently, I dress only at home. However, any tips on becoming passable as a female are deeply appreciated. I would love to correspond with other TVs, TSs, and couples who are sincere, caring, and supportive for friendships. Moving to Boston mid-1991."

Patricia P. (WI-2825)

AMY KARSTAEDT (WI) (#59)

Brown hair and eyes. 175, 5'10". Interested in camping, hiking, biking, cooking, music, and reading. "Am looking to meet transsexuals living in Wisconsin for friendship, companionship, and support."

Amy Karstaedt, P O Box 1301, Sheboygan WI 53082-1301 (WI-3134)

TANYA K. (WI) (#59)

MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, with strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and especially my family. "CD since childhood. Travel on business and dress in hotel room, but urge to go out is getting hard to withstand. Wife and children do not know. Hope to be able to tell wife. Like classic and elegant styles. Love to shop and be feminine. Would like to hear from those with similar interests."

Tanya K. (WI-3275)

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

REGINA S. (MN) (#57)

White gender dysphoric, 5'8", 150, 43, celibate by choice and convictions. Interested in libertarian politics, history, Victoriana, reading, writing, and contemplative spirituality. "Law school graduate, but have many non-legal interests. I would just like to find a few sincere friends if any exist out there. Thanks."

Regina S. (MN-0383)

JENNIFER O. (MN) (#60)

Member: CLCC, IFGE. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. We share our house with two cats. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

Jennifer O. (MN-0570)

ST. PAUL PATTI F. (E MN) (#59)

Participant: Dream '78

5'10", 185, 44, divorced, hetero, Vietnam veteran. Interested in modeling school, garage sales, human rights issues, church activities, and Emotions Anonymous. "Twin Cities area and out of the closet. I attend church and EA as St. Paul Patti. Live in high-rise housing, have received positive comments about my femme self. Life is too short to be spent in a closet. As Popeye said, 'I yam what I yam, and I'm glad I yam!'"

St. Paul Patti F. (MN-0735)

KATHERINE H. (MN) (#56)

Member: CLCC, MFGE

Participant: Fantasia Fair

DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

Katherine H. (MN-1994)

RAMONA M. (E MN) (#57)

Member: CLCC,IFGE

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Shangri-La, Be All, Miss Fantasia Fair

CD/TG, 50's. "I like fashion, cooking, being with good friends. Enjoy dining out, travelling, attending functions with my sisters."

Ramona M. (MN-0849)

VANESSA S. (MN) (#57)

5'11", 160, brown hair & eyes, 40, size 16, passable, hetero CD. "Enjoy the classic, stylish look. Happily married to a beautiful, supportive wife. Finishing my degree in counseling, and intend to work exclusively with gender issues. My wife and I are devout Christians, and are willing to help other couples if we can. I love my femininity and have found that I become much happier on allowing my femme self to emerge."

Vanessa S., Box 11771, St. Paul MN 55111-0771 (MN-1168)

JENNIFER and ARTEMIS W. (S MN) (#57)

"Monogamous TG/TS couple, early thirties. Jenny's a bio-male living as her

wondrous, womanly self. Art's a bio-female shifting out of gender ambivalence toward liberated masculinity. Jenny's interests: wicca, neo-paganism, shamanism, re-embracing her inner child. Art's interests: TG/TS advocacy and activism, literary expression of gender non-conformity and exploration. We'd like to hear from other 'out' TG/TSs in the midst of childraising."

Art and Jenny W. (MN-2738)

WENDY P. (MN) (#58)

27, 5'10", 13/14 going on 11/12, brown hair and eyes. Interested in high heels, dresses, garters and hose, woodworking, muscle cars, and Corvettes. "Enjoy dressing as often as I can. Like to meet other CDs and TVs for lasting friendships. I would love to have a traveling companion to go to a CD/TV convention. Pass, but still need help. Write from anywhere. Travel some."

W. Peterson, Box 617, Stillwater MN 55082 (MN-2193)

KARIN ANDERSON (MN) (#58)

Heterosexual CD, 37, 5'8", 170, blond hair, blue-green eyes. Church musician, band leader, conductor, soloist, and talent agent. Thrice married, now to supportive spouse. Five children between us. Both dedicated Christians. Interested in arts, nature, history. "Passable. Have ventured into public many times with no trouble. Very shy and nervous, however. Looking for Minnesota CD friends for socializing and support in safe settings."

Karin A. (MN-2248)

JUDY KASSE (SE MN) (#57)

Married, hetero male. 260, 5'11", 52, closet CD. Likes photography, amateur radio. "I don't pass, but feel good when dressed. Will answer all correspondence."

Judy Kasse, P O Box 16143, St. Paul MN 55116 (MN-2743)

JULIE McFADDEN (MN) (#57)

Member: CLCC

Married, 25, 6', 170, M-F TS with a very supportive wife, BA Studio Arts, Photography/Sculpture. "I love fine clothing and shoes, movies, creating works of art that stimulate others to think, and running my own small business."

Julie McFadden, Suite #158, 14350 Burnhaven Dr., Burnswill, MN 55337 (MN-2784)

MIRA LaCOUS (SE MN) (#60)

Member: MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS.

M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman . . . soon more. "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since I started transitioning. Starting TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Write so we may correspond and/or meet. Not looking for anything sexual."

Mira LaCous, P O Box 13659, St. Paul MN 55113 (MN-2818)

KRISTINE JOHNSON (MN) (#58)

SWM, Bi-curious TV, mid 20's, 6', 185, blue eyes. Interested in movies, computers, traveling, music, reading, and outdoor activities. "I love to shop for and wear all things feminine. Professional. Non-smoker and drug free. Would like to make friends in the TV/TS community, and with their supporters. I travel regularly, and will meet with others interested in the lifestyle. Discretion assured. Please include phone and photo if possible. Will reply to all."

Kristine Johnson, P O Box 252, Hopkins MN 55343 (MN-3087)

DIANE KANE (MN) (#58)

MWM, hetero, CD, 26, 5'10", 150, wife supportive, but still working on acceptance. "I enjoy looking pretty and feminine. My tastes vary from sexy to conservative. Would enjoy corresponding with others like myself in MN and elsewhere. Love to write. Photo would be nice."

Diane K. (MN-3107)

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-

LINDA LEA JEFFRIES (SD) (#59)

Member of CLCC, IFGE.

5'8", 150, 44, single, never married. Interested in history, politics, jazz, baseball, cooking, and shopping. "I am a lifelong CD and TS now moving towards my eventual goal of SRS and full time life as a woman. Would like to hear from other TSs or TVs from South Dakota or SW Minnesota."

Linda Lea Jeffries (SD-2353)

SAMANTHA OCKER (SD) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

My own, long, red hair, 6'4", 200, blue eyes, very long legs, SWM, biTV. Interested in computers, fishing, camping, shopping, snuggling, reading, AD & D, Wicca, going out with friends, travelling. "Still working on my hair styles. Love to hear from anyone. Answer all. Am looking for that special someone. Until then, would like to date."

Samantha Ocker (SD-3209)

NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-

MONTANA (590- 599-)

DIANA L. (MT) (#59)

Member of IFGE.

MWM, TV, 42, 185. Interested in skiing, boating and camping, reading, and science fiction. "Would like to come out of the closet, but rural Montana and career make it difficult. Wife is somewhat understanding. Would like to hear from married TVs to find out how they deal with dressing and a family. I need all the help I can get."

Diana L. (MT-3096)

TAMMY YOUNG (MT) (#57)

Member: IFGE

Fifty years young. 150, 5'6". Discreet, MWM, TV. "Need small TV friend to open up to. I'll mimic you. Still in closet, and staying there. I'm lonely. Wife not involved."

Tammy Y. (MT-2641)

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)

GLORIA WRIGHT (IL) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess (vice-president), CGS (secretary)

5'3", 38 years young. Interested in writing, dancing, singing, jogging, karate. "I've been a terrible correspondent lately because of time constraints, but I'll attempt to write to those I can."

G. Wright, P O Box 172, Gurnee IL 60031 (IL-0613)

GERI WATERS (IL) (#59)

Member and vice-president of

St. Louis Gender Foundation, assistant representative to MAGGIE.

Hazel eyes and natural long hair. Good-natured Leo. Enjoys art, writing, music, cars, home decorating, and good friends. "TS looking for sisters & friends to share thoughts and get-togethers. I dress full time as a female, and am happy as such. Spouse understands and is supportive. Am looking for those who are curious and need someone to talk to. Remember, someone does care."

Geri W. (IL-1400)

KAREN MICHELLE R. (IL) (#59)

Member: Chi Chapter

Participant: Holiday En Femme

"A couple of years older and wiser. Feeling good about who I am. I still believe that being Karen is what it's all about - now more than ever. I love to help my sisters. I've heard from so many. Hope to hear from you - yes you! I wouldn't mind letters from real girls and TSs too!"

Karen R. (IL-1514)

PATRICIA CHAPMAN (IL) (#59)

White, 45, post-op TS. "Working and going to school to get professional degree. Interested in corresponding with others who are in transition, and others."

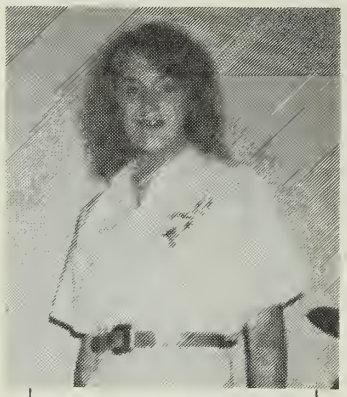
Patricia Chapman (IL-1560)

TRACY SIKES (IL) (#59)

Tall, slim, early thirties, striving topass without question, and unsure how far to go in the transition.

Interested in photography, film, art, music, and high fashion. "I hope through this listing to make new contacts nationwide. It's time for me to decide whether to pursue a full time transition. I would especially like to hear from those who have begun or completed the path to SRS. Want correspondence and personal meetings. I'd also like to find a TS roommate."

Tracy S., P O Box 804754, Chicago IL 60680 (IL-1616)



MARY ANN FOSTER (IL) (#59)

Member: Chicago Gender Society, IME.

Attended: Be All '89-'91, Coming Together '89, Kansas City '90, CGS/IME Weekend '91, Outreach Chairman, CGS.

5'9", 140, long blond hair, love to talk and make new friends. Interested in video, flying, cross country skiing, and computers. "I keep a condo in Chicago where out-of-towners are always welcome. Will find others to talk to when you visit."

Mary Ann Foster (IL-1823)

RENAE P. (IL) (#57)

6'2", 250. Interests include sailing, carpentry, trains. "A bit shy - would like to join a group, or just get together with a few friends to learn more about myself. Will answer all who write."

Renae P. (IL-1931)

TERESA BEATRICE K. (IL) (#57)

6'+, late 30's, SWM, 300+. Interested in computer systems, chess, AD&D, science fiction, space development. "I began my journey into transvestism in order to discover why someone would want to change his/her gender and/or sex. While I am beginning to understand why, I am uncertain as to whether or not I have the need for cross-genderization."

Teresa K. (IL-1969)

(IL) (#59)

29 year-old M-F, soon-to-be post-op TS. Member of CGS. "I'm willing to help people just starting out seeking gender congruity. Can help with info and a personal view of the road ahead. Will answer all. Am interested in receiving articles about gender issues from other parts of the country. Will pay you back for postage. Remember, you are not alone, and help is available."

(IL-2562)

MICHELLE MAGUIRE (IL) (#61)

Officer: CIGA, Central Illinois.

Member: IFGE, CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis).

Married CD, 5'11", 1955 Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy realist. "Introspective observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of transgenderism."

Michelle Maguire, P O Box 6002, Champaign IL 61826-6002 (IL-2125)

PATTI W. (IL) (#58)

Tall, friendly, nutty! Interested in music, sports, clothes, collecting fans and hats, hypnosis. "Enjoy dressing in exotic costumes. At other times, I enjoy passing as a grandmother. I love developing my feminine side and being treated as a woman. I would love to exchange letters, photos, and fantasies with anyone who wants a nutty girlfriend."

Patti W. (IL-2166)

SUE PASHEN (NE IL) (#57)

Member: IFGE

38, 5'10", 150, shy. Likes walks, dining out, movies, reading, art, science, B/D. SWM-F TS, no drugs, smoking, drinking; clean, discreet. "Have always liked women, even my feminine side. If a girl exists out there who can accept a TS with very little experience, and can teach Sue how to live a real life, even if just at home (in Chicago suburbs), please get in touch."

Sue P. (IL-2751)

JAN NEVILLE (N IL) (#57)

Single, white, TV, 5'11", 165, 30's, blonde hair, brown eyes.

"Friendly, passable, and totally into all aspects of femininity. I love music and art, not macho activities. My happiest day was when I realized that I could no longer resist my TV yearnings and simply gave in and started dressing. I'm interested in meeting TVs with similar interests as well as men interested in dating."

Jan Neville, P O Box 8437, Northfield IL 60093 (IL-2737)

JACKIE V. (IL) (#58)

Member: CIGA, Tri-Ess.

Attended: Coming Together in Denver, and Be All in Cleveland this year.

50's, 6', 160, self-employed, energetic, and ready to go. Interested in antique cars, meeting other CD's. "Interested in corresponding with and meeting with others in the TV community. Would also like to get to know genetic women who are supportive of the crossdressing life-style. Could lead to marriage. I an supportive of all life-styles, even though I am straight."

Jackie V., P O Box 321, Morris IL 60450 (IL-3009)

LINDA F. (IL) (#58)

MWM, 5'11", 170, 50's, in closet due to job identity. Wife not accepting. Interested in baking, cooking, gardening, model railroading, geology, travel. "Dress at home only. Interested in meeting and talking to other CDs as a private support group."

Boxholder, P O Box 8751, Waukegan IL 60079 (IL-2977)

INGRID HOLM (IL) (#57)

Awards: Miss Gay Mexico, Miss Gay Germany.

5'9", red hair, green eyes, brunette, pretty. Interested in dance, entertainment, impersonations, aerobics, yoga. "Never married. Lived as a woman since age eighteen. Very serious pre-op transsexual. Work as a female impersonator. Would like to meet guys from 18-40 in the Chicago area."

Ingrid Holm (IL-2994)

PRISCILLA B. (IL) (#58)

Member of Chicago Gender Society.

Attended Be All, was in fashion show.

5'11", 43, 180, married, 16, hetero, stylish, blonde TV. Interested in golf, tennis, travel, dressing up, sewing, and design. Make some of my gowns and party dresses. "Slowly coming out of the closet. Wish to correspond and exchange pictures with TVs and TSs. Wife is understanding, and we would like to contact other couples. Meetings possible. Sincere and discreet. Send photo for reply."

Priscilla B. (IL-3085)

JAN HALL (IL) (#58)

MWM, 31, 5'8", 140, TV/TS, academic professional.

Interested in being female, music, baseball, public speaking, and Mac computers. "Newly out of the closet. Dying to go out in public. At present concentrating on improving my image and finding ways to ditch the male side and live as Jan full time."

Jan Hall, P O Box 6741, Champaign IL 61826-6741 (IL-3116)

STEPHANIE ANNE Y. (IL) (#59)

DWM, 38, 6', red hair, green eyes.

Interested in shopping, golf, computers, baseball, movies, all things feminine. "I am slowly coming out of the closet and would like to meet and correspond with TV/TS/TG/GGs and others into this lifestyle. I can travel to meet, or entertain at home. Outgoing personality. Love to laugh and love. Please write."

S. Young, P O Box 312, Oak Forest IL 60452 (IL-3086)

CATHY W. (IL) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter. Attended: Holiday En Femme. Interested in music, old cars, bicycle riding, writing. "Thirty-nine-year-old CD, married. Wife is a member of Tri-Ess. Sensitive, caring, wanting to help. Will answer all."

Cathy W., P O Box 59711, Chicago IL 60659 (IL-3259)

JOEANN C. (IL) (#59)

5'8", 190, brown eyes. Interested in music, sports. "I am still in the closet, not ready to dress in a group, yet. I cannot pass. Would like to meet others who share my interests."

Joeann C. (IL-3169)

LAURA ELIZABETH F. (IL) (#60)

Single, 44, 5'7", 155, educated, caring, sincere. Interested in spirituality, psychology, C G Jung, architecture, cooking, reading, clothes/jewelry/makeup. "Although I've cross-dressed since childhood, I've only recently begun feeling comfortable as Laura, and have started investigating the many dimensions of my femininity. I'm enjoying it enormously, and would like to hear from other sisters on paths of growth towards wholeness. Also seeking understanding gentleman for companionship."

Laura F. (IL-3249)

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B. (MO) (#60)

Member: TCNE, IFGE, SLGF.

DWM, 51, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, writing, and fashion. "Lifelong crossdresser and have always been comfortable and well adjusted with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Though recently forced back into closet, am finding myself again thanks to the wonderful support of my significant other. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

Barbara B. (MO-0258)

ANGELA JOHNSON (MO) (#57)

Member: St Louis Gender Foundation (formerly the St Louis Gateway Femmes)

Single, black, male TV, 5'11", 170, tall, slim, fun to be with. My interests are: Photography, travel, dressing when I can. "I enjoy socializing, going out, and dancing. I would like to meet and/or correspond with other TVs, TSs and women who understand."

Angela J., P O Box 23323, St. Louis MO 63156 (MO-1162)

BARBARA ANN C. (MO) (#57)

Member: St. Louis Gender Foundation

MWM, 6'1", overweight, blue eyes. Interested in photography, writing, sports. "My wife neither understands nor accepts my crossdressing, so all done in secret. I would like to practice more, but cannot under present circumstances. Would like to hear from others in my situation for suggestions and support. Will try to answer all."

Barbara Ann C. (MO-1913)

BERNICE M. (MO) (#57)

Member: Crossdressers International - Tulsa, OK

Single, 5'9", brown eyes, long curly brown hair, 130; pre-op TS, 40ish. "I would like to correspond with others of like interest, and meet those in my area (SW MO and/or Tulsa OK)."

Bernice M. (MO-2018)

SANDRA ANN U. (SW MO) (#58)

Member: Delta Omega, Tri-Ess, Boulton & Park, SLGF

Participant: Be All, Texas "T" Party

Married to supportive spouse, 5'9", brown eyes, black hair, 65. "Spouse says I am an attractive lady. I especially love lingerie. My collection of over 200 panties is my pride and joy. I do house work and cook dressed up in my feminine attire. Free to travel any time. My supportive spouse shares my love for pretty, feminine undies."

Sandra Ann U. (MO-2243)

JENNIFER R. RUSSELL

(MO) (#58)

Hetero CD, 6', 210, brown hair and eyes.

Interested in cooking music, good conversation, fashions, make-up, developing and projecting a lady-like image. "Am a caring and sensitive individual, genuinely interested in meeting, corresponding, and sharing with sisters. Am fortunate to have a loving and compassionate wife who supports and understands my views. Am establishing a Tri-Ess group in the Kansas City area. Will answer all letters."

Jennifer Russell, c/o Tri-Ess/Kappa Gamma Mu, P O Box 98, Belton MO 64012-0098 (MO-3016)

KIMBERLY KIM T.
(MO) (#58)

Member: KCCAF

SWMTV, 36, 5'8", 140, 36 27 36, 11-12, squeaky clean bi.

Interested in gardening, shopping, talking & listening. "I like to ask our closeted sisters to come out and play and enjoy our beautiful lifestyle. Have a complete femme wardrobe. Spend time in Ozarks and ride my threewheeler. Send SASE and photo for reply."

Kimberly T. (MO-3036)

RITA AMORE (MO) (#58)

Member: StLGF.

MWM, 39, non-smoker, educated, professional. "Supportive and loving wife is my best friend. Highly disciplined athlete, interested in entrepreneurship, investments, spirituality, personal challenges, feminine expression, skin care, and travel. Would like to meet other couples in the US and world-wide. Willing to host couples in our home in St. Louis. 'Destiny is not by chance, but by choice.'"

Rita A. (MO-2995)

KANSAS (660- 679-)

BECKY GAIL CROSLOVE
(KS) (#58)

Outgoing, fun-loving girl who takes TVs seriously and wants to help them grow within and without. Public servant 11 yrs., stamp collector, artist. "I love feminine things and writing to other TVs across the world. I started a research center to help others."

Becky C. (KS-1346)

NANCY COLE (KS) (#99)

Member: IFGE, Kansas City CAF, SLGF

Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party, Be All

"I have been crossdressing for years, and enjoy working with and for members of our community. I travel frequently and widely, enjoy just about everything, and do well for myself, both in my male and in my female role. Interests include reading, history, movies, current events, and, of course, fashion and beauty. (I'm a sucker for the antebellum stuff.)"

Nancy C. (KS-2189)

GLORIA T. (KS) (#57)

34, 6', 155. Interested in philosophy, nature, camping, herbs, becoming complete. "I feel blessed to be a balanced, androgynous being, possessing feminine qualities, cursed to live among a crude, gender-harnessed, emotionally crippled society. Would love to correspond with other sisters and brothers. We are special beings. Wichita area or wherever!"

Gloria T. (KS-2857)

MARIA ANN BOLIN (KS) (#57)

SWM, 5'8", 189, brown hair and eyes.

Interested in the outdoors, reading, writing, shopping, movies. "I would like to meet and correspond with the many people in the transgender community. I love all things femme. I'd like to become more involved in the gender community. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you."

Maria B. (KS-2869)

JULIE BARNES (KS) (#57)

MWM, TV, 50, 6', 160. "Married. Wife does not know about my crossdressing. Life-long TV. I like to dress as femininely as possible. Look much younger than my age when dressed. Hope to be able to pass as soon as possible. I was finally able to admit to someone else about my dressing (my therapist). I am trying to feel good about myself."

Julie Barnes (KS-2982)

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

SHARE Z. (NE) (#59)

50's, 5'10", 200, hetero, CD. MWM with supportive wife. Interested in golf, fishing, woodworking, and being a better CD. "Wife and I enjoy shopping together for clothes for her and for Share. Have made clothes for Share with wife's help."

Share Z. (NE-2603)

MELISSA JEAN H. (NE) (#57)

DWM, 45, 6'2", 190, life-long TV, easy going and personable. "I like myself and enjoy life. I like everything feminine, people, parties, travel, entertaining, photography, and trying anything new. I strive for Melissa's perfection, but need a woman to critique her. I'm ready to step out into the world, and would like to make friends with women, couples, TSs and other perfectionist TVs for outings and socializing."

Melissa Jean H. (NE-2742)

LAURA W. (NE) (#58)

6', 165, SWM, slim and passable. Interested in golf, racketball, and shopping. "I have not yet met another TV, but I would like to attend Fantasia Fair in October. Need to meet discrete professional person that I'll have confidence in to bring me out. I am a tall, hetero TV that has an extensive wardrobe, and I am passable. I travel, and would be interested in writing anyone who qualifies."

Laura W. (NE-2973)

TAMI DIANE (NE) (#59)

"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

Tami D. (NE-3284)

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

LISA HART (LA) (#60)

Single TV, 38, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several Tapestry correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personae."

Lisa H. (LA-1717)

KAREN SCOTT (TX) (#58)

Member: Tri Delta Chi

Interested in sports, watching football. "Retired. Have very supportive fiancee. Master's degree. Former coach. Capt. USAF. Stockbroker. Fifteen years in the merchant marine. Have dressed since teens. Would love to hear from crossdressers interested in forming a group in the area around New Orleans."

Karen S. (LA-2139)

JERRI N. (NW LA) (#59)

Member: Beta Chi

Participant: Texas T-Party

MWM, nearing 50, 22-24. Interested in all sports, travel, and country music. "Have enjoyed going out when I can during my travels. Would like to go out more, but am not real comfortable all the time. Travel through south and southwest. Would like hear from other hetero CD's in the area who are interested in going out."

Jerri N., P O Box 38048, Shreveport LA 71133-8048 (LA-2521)

BILLIE F. (LA) (#57)

5'12", 170, 30, brownish blonde hair, single. Interested in fishing, astronomy, bicycling, rock-climbing. "I have been a CD with a strong TS leaning as long as I can remember. Would like to hear from and possibly meet other CDs and Ts, especially in the NW LA area. Am still fairly closeted, but I have gone out a time or two."

Billie F. (LA-2836)

VICKI DIXON(LA) (#56)

Member: Tri Delta Chi

Partisipant: Fantasy Adventure, Texas T-Party

MWM, 5'7" + a little, 145 lb, size 10-12. Professional, caring and sensitive, fun loving person. Passable???... what do you think? Also enjoys motorcycles and boating. Married to a beautiful and supportive wife. We are both devout Christians. I have accepted who I am and love it. Slow on returning mail, sorry!

Ms. Vicki Dixon POB 77905, Baton Rouge, LA 70879 (LA-2409)

DIANE CLARK (LA) (#57)

Member: Tri Delta Chi

Hetero WM, 5'11", 150, soon to be married, size 10T. Interested in fishing, football, the outdoors. "Degreed. Would like to meet others in NW LA, E TX, and SW AK for informal get-togethers. Enjoy nice fashions and high heels. Will answer all replies immediately."

Diane Clark, P O Box 8119, Shreveport LA 71148-8119 (LA-2840)

ALICE HEBERT (LA) (#57)

Member: Tri Delta Chi in New Orleans

TV, 6'2 1/2", middle-aged.

Alice H. (LA-2964)

MICHELLE KELLY (LA) (#58)

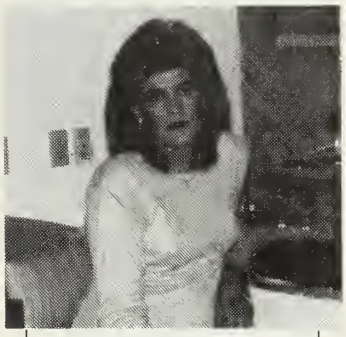
Member: Beta Chi, IFGE, Tri Delta Chi, Tri-Ess.

Attended: Southern Comfort '91, Fantasy Adventure '91.

40, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 175. Interested in computers, coin collecting, football, and anything feminine. "Lifelong CD, married with one of four children still at home. Wife is somewhat supportive. Want to make friends, correspond, meet if possible. Travel south MS and LA. Work weekends. Free Tuesday through Thursday. Will answer all."

Michelle K. (LA-3054)

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)



STEPHENIE RENEE' (AR) (#57)

MWM, 5'8", 145, 37, brown hair/eyes. "Interested in corresponding and helping others, discussing life in general, being Stephenie. Married to a very supportive, helpful, and understanding wife. She has brought out and helped develop Stephenie into The Total Girl. Pass fairly well when out, yet always open to improvement."

S. R. Fowler, P O Box 1835, Springdale AR 72765 (AR-1841)

JANA H. (S AR) (#56)

Member: Beta Chi

MWM, 50ish, 5'8", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Spouse knows, helps, but not that suppor-tive. Into full dressing six years. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-C's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more."

Jana H. (AR-2042)

ALICIA SKOGEN (AR) (#58)

Member: GIC, Denver.

Attended: Coming Together.

SWM, 26, 5'9", 170, blonde, green eyes, lifelong CD. Interested in music, movies, good food, outdoors, skiing, and good conversation. "Am very comfortable in both male and female roles. Would love to correspond/meet with other CDs in my area. Also looking for mature, understanding woman for friendship, fun, and possible relationship."

A. T. Skogen, P O Box 7072, Springdale AR 72766 (AR-3035)

CHARLOTTE A. (AR) (#59)

Attended: Texas T Party '91.

MWM, 5'7", 140, 40, 10-12, passable, well-educated, professional.

Interested in nature, fishing, arts and humanities, good food. "Wife understands. Enjoy shopping, dining, sightseeing as a woman. Love good friends and all things feminine. Want to

start an Arkansas support group. Seeking passable CD or TS friends for mutual support, visiting, shopping, etc. would love girlfriends to share and do things with."

Charlotte A. (AR-3166)

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

TERRI SYKES (OK) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Delta Omega/ Dallas

Participant: Texas T Party, '90, '91

5'10", 155. "I would like to make contact with other CDs in the Oklahoma City area to possibly form a local Tri-Ess chapter."

Terri Sykes, P O Box 14414, Okla. City OK 73113 (OK-1324)

RAINA PEARSON (OK) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, Tau Chi, Sooner Belles.

MWM, mid 40's, civil servant. Interested in ham radio, photography, sewing, pierced earrings, heels and shopping. "Wife is trying to accept Raina. I have been dressing about five years. Just started going out dressed and LOVE it! May not pass well, but improving. Will answer all letters."

Raina Pearson, P O Box 764, Harrah OK 73045 (OK-2381)

GEORGIA LEE H. (OK) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, Delta Omega.

MWM, 62, 5'8", 165, TV/TS. Interested in fishing, boating, home making, and outdoors activities. "Just now coming out of the closet, meeting other TVs and TSs. Retired military, but still working as a computer consultant. Wife is not supportive, but knows. Will answer all."

Georgia Lee H. (OK-3108)

TEXAS (750- 799-)

ROBIN E. (TX) (#58)

Pre-op TS. Young-looking 50ish. 5'11". Pass well. Live as a female. "Would like to hear from pre- and post-op TSs. Am slow to answer, but will try to answer all. Also like to hear from TVs and TSs in the area."

Robin Emmons, Box 11814, Fort Worth TX 76110 (TX-1256)

REN'EE CHEVALIER (TX) (#57)

IFGE Board of Directors, Coming Together Staff.

Participant: P-Town WSG Outing, Wine Country Weekend, Coming Together.

Awards: The MSL Service Award.

Active TS post-op, 44 years young. "I've spent over fifteen years working with the gender community. Been very active the last five years. Will write, but am now about 6-8 months behind. Want to discuss issues that pertain to keeping the DSM III designation as is so people can get insurance coverage for surgery."

Ren'ee Chevalier (TX-0644)

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX (E TX) (#57)

Attendee: Coming Together, Holiday En Femme, Texas T Party

President, Tau Chi Chapter, '88 - '89, SEC Conference Interim Chairman, Tri-Ess Board of Directors, Coordinator, Holiday En Femme, Femme Mirror Editorial Staff.

43, 6'2", 210, chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane has been an active cross-dresser for over five years. Interests include church, sports, music, bridge, medieval English history, and Sherlock Holmes. Jane and Frances have two young sons who have known and loved "Aunt Jane" from birth. Enjoy helping new CDs and their wives.

Jane Ellen F. (TX-1250)

LAURA TAYLOR (TX) (#58)

SWM, TV, 5'9", 170, mid-30's. "I'm just coming out and would like to correspond with and meet others who love the feminine mystique. I would love someone to share and help with make-up, wigs, etc. My goal is to be totally passable and to be treated and admired as a young woman. Will respond to all with letter and photo."

Laura T. (TX-1254)

DONNA E. MOBLEY (TX) (#60)

Member: Tri-Ess Board of Directors.

Participant: Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89.

SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Hobbies: scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/video producer. Actively involved in community activities. Donna M. (TX-1734)

KAREN MICHELLE RUSNAK (TX) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess

"You can't keep a good girl down--so you'll never know where I'll pop up next! Nothing has changed; being Karen is what it's all about. 'Nuf said!"

Karen Rusnak, P O Box 64980-645, Dallas TX 75206 (TX-1514)

MARY LEE (TX) (#59)

Member: Delta Omega, Arlington, TX.

Attended: Texas T Party '89, '90.

TV to TG, supportive wife, over 60, 5'10", 160, military background, passes sometimes. Interested in reading, attending functions with my TV group, shamanism, spirituality, and the transgendered. "Have pen-pals all over the lot. Write real fiction."

Mary Lee, P O Box 532535, Grand Prairie TX 75053-2535 (TX-1626)

CHERYL CLARK (TX) (#58)

Attended: Texas T Party, '90 & '91, Coming Together '91.

45, 5'9", 148, blond hair, blue eyes, comfortable in all public situations. Interested in celebrating femininity in public as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, theater, etc. Love music of all kinds, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. "Am organizing programs in the Austin area to introduce the public to crossdressing. So far, I have had the delight of lecturing on the subject of crossdressing at the Austin Community College."

Cheryl Clark, P O Box 373, Manchaca TX 78652 (TX-2116)

MARY ANN B. (TX) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess (Delta Omega).

WM, brunette, almost 40 (ugh!), 130, and 2 inches too tall.

Interested in sewing, creative fashion, cooking. "I am looking to correspond with others considering or seeking a future as a TS. Very friendly and outgoing. Would love to share experiences, dreams, and hopes (fears?) for the future. Please take some time and write. Will answer promptly."

Mary Ann B. (TX-2194)

CAROL BAKER (N TX) (#58)

Member: Houston Gulf Coast TG, Austin HTGA, Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega.

Attended: All three Texas T Parties, Fantastic Adventure W/E

5'11", 165, married with supportive family. Interested in going out in public, meeting people, promoting our style of life, correspondence. "Outgoing. Not shy. Love TG. Try to present best image and never harm TV. Go out often and love it. Love to meet 'real' people."

Carol Baker, Box 1424, Waco TX 76703 (TX-2179)

RIKKI SCOTT (S TX) (#58)

Late 40's professional man, lifelong CD with tolerant spouse. "Enjoy classical and jazz music, sailing, psychological and family history aspects of gender dysphoria. Doing research into gender dysphoria. Would appreciate all contacts and info (especially family history) on your CD experience."

Occupant, Box 26031, Austin TX 78755 (TX-2201)

MARLINA DAWN MURPHY (S TX) (#58)

Member: Heart of Texas TV, Boulton & Park.

Participant: Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure.

MWM, 6'2, 180, blue eyes, size 12/14, 50, professional.

Interested in fishing, gourmet cooking, soft music, wines, dressing. "Have supportive wife who helps me become the lady I like to be. Dressing since eight. Out and about as much as time allows. Interested especially in west TX and San Angelo area."

Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413 (TX-2211)

SUSAN JEAN SMITH (TX) (#59)

Member: ETVC, Boulton & Park Society, IFGE.

Attended: Sommernachtshall '91 (Germany), third place "Sommernachtshall Queen, 1991."

5'10", well built, very passable, very educated. Interested in writing for publication, body-building, dancing, meeting people. "Extremely good-looking Texas TV living in Europe wants to correspond with interesting, attractive people. Primarily seeking a generous man for marriage. Want to find work as a TV. Can relocate."

Susan Jean Smith (TX-2235)

HEATHER WILSON (N TX) (#59)

Member: Delta Omega.

Attended: Texas T Party '90, '91.

Single CD, 34, tall and slender, enjoys sailing, aerobics, shopping, and expensive clothes. Looking for continued growth by socializing with other members of our community nationwide, as well as locally. Work to be happy with who I am. Still searching for a woman who understands me, too."

Heather Wilson, Box 550802, Dallas TX 75355 (TX-2384)

LEE JENKINS (TX) (#58)

Single TV, brown hair and eyes (hair color not constant).

Enjoys music, writing, photography, sports, and making videos. "Love dressing fully and being feminine. Just beginning to venture out in public, and would like support from a sincere TV, TS, or understanding female."

Lee Jenkins, #290, P O Box 2013, Austin TX 78768-2013 (TX-2516)

ROBYN M. BERRY (TX) (#57)

MWM, hetero, CD, 44, 5'8", 190. Interested in camping, computers, model railroads, dressing every chance I can. "I enjoy looking as feminine as I can, and I especially like petticoats and square dance dresses."

R. M. Berry, P O Box 5813, Katy TX 77491 (TX-2750)

MAXINE MCDONALD (N TX) (#59)

Member: Delta-Omega (Dallas).

Attended: Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.).

Awards: Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award.

MWM, 6'2", 205, SIZE 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

Maxine McDonald, Box 820852, Dallas TX 75382-0852 (TX-2223)

DONNA MILLER (N TX) (#57)

"I would love to come out, but I need some help in doing so. Am interested in all TV goings-on. I want to be able to dress the way I want to, to be a total woman in every way. I am interested in actively supporting organizations that help our community."

Donna Miller (TX-2767)

PATTI L. (SE TX) (#57)

Very naturally nice-looking at age 60. "I pass easily. A bit of a loner. My major interest at this point is to enjoy my femininity to the fullest. I have just reached the hormone stage. Have a supportive SO. Was president and CEO of a large corporation for many years."

Patti Lynch (TX-2768)

JANEY LEE (SE TX) (#57)

Member: Newest member of Humanity.

SWM, 5'11", 140, blue eyes. Enjoy reading (amateur historian), outdoor activities, roses. "Just coming out, and would love to make friends. Easy listener who loves to give advice. Typical Virgo. Excited about myself and new world of understanding and compassion. Please write, and let's get acquainted. Would love to entertain at my home. Like to hear from TSs and GGs who like humor, good food, and music."

J. Berg, P O Box 128, Texas City TX 77592 (TX-2772)

D.C. (TX) (#57)

Hetero, 6'2", 210, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, personal computers. "I am a respected professional, completely in the closet. Scared to death. Want to meet others for a chance to dress and relax in a safe environment. No experience with make-up or wigs. Looks need lots of help. Looking for crossdressers in the San Antonio area."

D.C. (TX-2855)

PAT ANDERSON (TX) (#58)

37, attractive, intelligent, friendly, professionally employed, with a variety of interests. Long time crossdresser with transsexual feelings. Starting to come out of the closet (and leaving all that guilt behind). "I'm still sitting on the fence about a sex change. Am in the information-gathering stage, and would like to correspond with others in transition, women, and select couples in the area. Can travel or entertain."

Pat Anderson, P O Box 9802, #367, Austin TX 78766 (TX-2909)

TAMMY H. (TX) (#57)

Member: Gulf Coast Transv. Chapter.

5'10", blond hair, blue eyes, 170. Interested in motorcycles, carving, violin.

Tammy H. (TX-2933)

KEITH H. (TX) (#58)

5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build. Interested in bowling, sewing, cleaning, and talking. "I need someone I can talk with and relate to about cross-

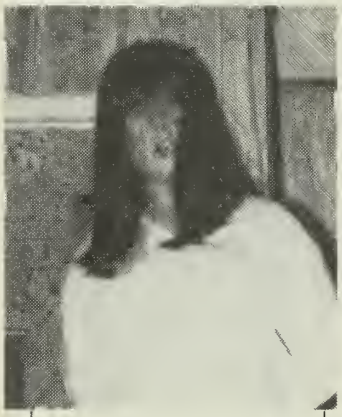
dressing. Someone who could tell me what I have to look forward to, and who won't degrade me for what I do."

Keith H. (TX-3076)

FRANCINE W. (TX) (#58)

6', 175, 40, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, travel, music, reading, shopping for feminine apparel/ jewelry. "Happily married for fifteen years, wife ignorant of CD activities. Passable. Love lingerie, very feminine dresses. Lifelong TV. Seek correspondence and photo exchange, advice on make-up and image, particularly from females (no paid professionals)."

Francine W. (TX-3112)



STEPHANIE S. (TX) (#58)

5'11", 170, 34, SWM, TV with TS tendencies. "I've been dressing since I was very little. Dress almost everyday, now. Dream that someday I could become a she-male movie star, but right now, I'd love to have a male CD & female friend who understood. Like rock music, the outdoors, lots of things. I've never gone anywhere as a girl, but with support, I would. Will answer all."

Stephanie S. (TX-3174)

MELISSA THOMPSON (TX) (#59)

Member: HTGA

32, 5'10", 150, married with two small children. Wife knows and is supportive if not enthusiastic. Interested in languages, cultures, and history of the Middle East. Also enjoy astronomy, country music, and running. "Have only recently learned to accept myself without guilt. Was greatly aided by an understanding wife. Would like to hear from others trying to weave their femininity into their normal lives, especially with regards to children."

Melissa T. (TX-3258)

NANCY BAKER (TX) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

Attended: Fantasy Adventure Weekend.

MWM TV. Lifelong CD. Wife not supportive. Interested in corresponding and meeting with understanding GG/TS/ TVs. "Not passable, but can serve as escort for passable TVs and TSs. Looking forward to meeting new friends. Discretion expected and assured."

Nancy B. (TX-3186)

DEBBIE HAHN (TX) (#59)

Member: IFGE & Tri-Ess.

Attended: Texas T Party.

6', 170, passable, separated, hetero CD. Enjoy outdoor sports, reading, and music. "Many great friends in DC, and numerous pengals. Confused by dysfunctional marriage. If she wore the pants in the family, why couldn't I wear the skirt? Adventurer, comedian, and smart aleck. Love transforming this boy into a girl. Lonely. Write, but be patient, I'm slow."

Debbie H. (TX-3201)

BARBARA ANN P. (TX) (#57)

SBM Hetero TV. Lifelong CD, but still in the closet. "Enjoy dressing and feeling feminine. Love heels, hose, etc., but as part of the total look. Would love photo exchange, especially with other black crossdressers."

Barbara Ann P. (TX-2951)

COLORADO (800- 816-)

SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT (CO) (#59)

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Texas T Party, GGA Spring Fling.

SWM TV, 47, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed."

Shirley K. Knight, P O Box 1042, Pueblo CO 81002 (CO-0493)

SHANA M. (C CO) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, IFGE.

Participant: Be All.

Divorced, 6', 135, hetero, 55. Interested in photography, sailing, writing, parapsychology. "Been dressing since age 5. Have found acceptance as an entertainer in recent years. Enjoy doing fantasy makeup and costumes for friends. Slow correspondent, but will write to TV's and sympathetic ladies."

Shana M., Box 3613, Littleton CO 80161 (CO-1088)

LAURA SMILEY (CO) (#59)

Member: GIC - Denver, Delta Chapter, IFGE Fundraising Committee.

Participant: Fantasia Fair '89, '90; '91 T Party '90, '91; IFGE Convention '91.

Awards: Miss Femininity, FF '91

MWM, forties, TG/TS tendencies, 5'10", 155. Enjoy being Laura, shopping, gardening, flying, skiing, cooking, rock 'n' roll music, being with friends. "Fun loving, caring person interested in bringing dignity, respect, and acceptance to our community. Been dressing since age five. Comfortable in all situations as Laura. Wife somewhat supportive."

Laura S. (CO-1556)

JACQUELYN ST. GREGORY (CO) (#57)

DWM, TV with TS feelings, 35, 6'1", 153, artistic, very sensitive and caring. Interested in shopping, cooking, art, design, movies, travel. "My lifelong tendencies were suppressed. Having survived cancer, I have been 'reborn' and since Jan. '90 have been completely committed. Currently I spend at least half of each day as a female. Looking for friends to share correspondence, support, and activities."

Jacquelyn St. Gregory, P O Box, 5553, Security CO 80931-5553 (CO-2923)

ROXANNE SALEM (C CO) (#60)

Member: GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess, IFGE.

Attended: Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91.

40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic

community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

Roxanne S. (CO-2600)

JILL BENEDICT (CO) (#58)

Member: Denver GIC.

Events attended: GIC 10th Anniversary and Coming Together.

"Dedicated in service to promoting the gender community as a viable and dignified component of society."

Jill Benedict (CO-2957)

CAROLYN ELAINE K. (CO) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess.

Professional writer, single, 46, 5'11", 155.

Interested in playwriting, acting, literature, music, running. "Two years ago, I joined the local Tri-Ess chapter in order to prop open that closet door. Sadly, after attending two meetings, I let it shut behind me. Now, I'd like to try again. It would help immensely to know some Colorado CDs tolerant of my timidity, or going through their own coming out difficultics. Please write."

Carolyn K. (CO-2979)

PHYLECIA W. (CO) (#58)

"I am a heterosexual cross-dresser, with some TS tendencies. Married nearly twenty years. Wife knows, but does not participate. 5'9", 165, been dressing since the age of five. Love being shaved all over, and wear soft, sheer things. Have been out since 1991 and love it! Would love all who wish to correspond to do so, as I am new to Colorado. Want to meet people and go out."

P. Weiser, P O Box 60104, Colorado Springs CO 80960 (CO-3006)

GERI G. (CO) (#58)

MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

Geri G., P O Box 27802, Denver CO 80227 (CO-3077)

LAURA ROYCE (CO) (#59)

38, 5'8", 135. "Uncommonly well-intellected (unpretentious) artist seeks surpassing special sister, highly choice gentleman. Novice TV, unhistorically divine, but desires complete (versatile) womanhood. Not moneyed, just Helicon class muse. Writes epic poetry, novels. Unpublished, but hopefully ship's near harbor. Like classical, jazz, rock. Critically advanced literature, philosophy, plastic art, religion, psychology, poetry, politics. Wants a loving heart. Seek loving partner, fun friends. Photo a must."

Laura R. (CO-3227)

TRILBY O. (CO) (#59)

"I am and always have been female. I would like to get to know some men who cross-dress."

Trilby O. (CO-3271)

WYOMING (820- 831-)

MICHELLE I. (E WY) (#57)

MWM, 33, 5'7", 135, dark brown hair. Interested in shopping, movies, music, fashionable clothing, dancing. Very understanding and helpful wife. "Have been dressing since age 10, but just now coming out of the closet. Enjoy going out for dinner, a movie, shopping dressed as Michelle. Would like to meet or correspond with other lovely sisters. Can't travel, but would love to entertain."

M. Ingle, P O Box 3285, Billette WY 82717-3285 (WY-2696)

LORI LARKIN (WY) (#59)

MWM, hetero, CD, early 40's, 5'6", 128, blue eyes, slight build. "My desire to dress has increased to the point that it is time to become involved in the cross-dressing community. Have only recently let one high heel out of the closet and will be attending my first event this spring. Would appreciate hints on beard cover/ makeup. Looking forward to corresponding and sharing thoughts and ideas with TV/TS/GG couples. Travel and discreet outings possible."

Lori L. (WY-3229)

IDAHO (832- 838-)

DAVI B. (ID) (#57)

Single TV, TS tendencies, 5'11", 140, 40's, brown eyes, hair.

"I love going to the mall to shop for clothes. Going to a mall is the best part of my week. Enjoy water/snow skiing, roller skating, bowling, hook rugs. Would like to meet or hear from other sisters from all over that love doing the same things. Possible exchange of pictures and cassettes as well as letters."

Davi B. (ID-2078)

WANDA S. (ID) (#59)

SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

Wanda S. (ID-3238)

UTAH (840- 847-)

KANDEE' STORRS (UT) (#57)

Member: RCGSE.

DWM, 37, 5'10", 180. Professional engineer, makeup artist (photo & special effects), P/T female impersonator. Interested in amateur radio, electronics, sci-fi movies, all forms of makeup, costuming, wigs, performing in shows, passing perfectly. "Would love to meet GG, possibly performer, with similar interests for mutual improvement of our illusion and performance skills. Dream of owning own nightclub, classy shows, one day."

Kandee' S. (UT-2726)

CHRISTY MILLER (UT) (#57)

TV/TS. Interested in shopping, sailing, travel, photography, airplanes, cooking. "Free to enjoy the company of sisters who, like me, have taken that major step out of the deep, dark closet. Grateful for those who have been kind enough to assist me during the short period since I was liberated. Excited over what each new day may bring in the way of new friends and understanding in my new role."

Christy Miller, P O Box 21041, Salt Lake City UT 84121-0041 (UT-2816)

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

JENNIFER S. (AZ) (#57)

DWM, 6', 170, 44, warm, sharing and caring. Interested in good food, music, cuddling, and dressing to the max. Good wardrobe--extensive lingerie, heels, wigs, make-up, etc. "Would like to meet other TV/TSs."

Jennifer S. (AZ-1056)

WENDI DANIELLE PIERCE (AZ) (#57)

IFGE Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Member: A Rose, IFGE Supporting Member.

Attended: Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair, Texas T Party

Single post-op TS, 5'8", 150, 40. Co-founder of A Rose, public speaker at university level on crossdressing and transgender issues, very active in TV/TS Community. "I welcome correspondence although I cannot promise a quick response. My motto is 'GO FOR IT,' and I have!"

Wendi Danielle P., c/o A Rose, P.O. Box 4351, Scottsdale AZ 85261 (AZ-1072)

TOMMIE (E AZ) (#57)

Member: Butterfly, Tri-Ess (Delta and Alpha Zeta).

Participant: Holiday En Femme, Be All.

Single TV, 50, 6', 170, size 14/16T, hetero. "A real fanatic for heels, hose, panties, and bras. Enough undies and outerwear to start my own boutique. Also like photography, historical and model railroading, and military history. Would like to meet, correspond and exchange photos. Will answer all."

Tommie F., P.O. Box 182, Safford AZ 85546-0182 (AZ-1158)

PRISCILLA ANN S. (CTL AZ) (#59)

SWM TV/CD, 63, 6'2", 195, size 22T, retired. Graying, dedicated CD, loves all things feminine, dress to "age style" of approx. 50+.

"Strictly a closet TV. Would like correspondence or photo exchange with other mature TV/CDs (50-65+ age range). On quiet side, introvert, easy going. Will consider and discuss any aspect of mature TV/CD concomitant sexuality."

Priscilla S. (AZ-2457)

CAROL DEARBORN (S AZ) (#59)

Pre-op, never married, TS. Enjoys peace, revisionist/conspiratorial history, unorthodox scientific/medical theory, children, hiking, nude beaches. "If I knew, years ago, of a TS sanctuary to escape to, the gospel of eliminating money, laws, and international boundaries; 'women are dangerous,' persons born breech (butt first) are different, and clothes and genitals don't make a Messiah . . . "

Miss Dearborn, P.O. Box 1417, Tucson AZ 85702 (AZ-2509)

CINDEE G. (S AZ) (#57)

MWM, 40, 5'9", 138, green eyes. "Attractive as a lady according to understanding wife. Interested in landscaping, model airplane building, and especially dressing up, and trying new and different feminine attire and wigs. Looking for friends like myself to show off to. Still in closet, but would like to get out and about en femme. Just need more encouragement and support."

Cindee G., P O Box 3332, Sierra Vista AZ 85635 (AZ-2644)

CAROL MARSHALL (S AZ) (#60)

Member: Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess, Butterfly.

Attended: Houston '90 Tri-Ess convention, Texas T Party '91.

5'13", 200, 47, brown eyes and hair. Interested in cooking, reading, fashion, and talking. "Would like to live full time as Carol, and am interested in writing to those who could discuss the ways to live TG. Have a very supportive spouse who would like to write to other supportive spouses. Am a friendly talker who can listen, too."

Carol Marshall, P O Box 4246, Tubac AZ 85646 (AZ-2577)

SAMANTHA CORMIER (AZ) (#59)

Member of Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess.

Attended Fantasia Fair.

Interested in reading, movies, music, camping, photography, and especially dressing up. "Would like to correspond with other sisters, or GGs. Open to meeting with a sister in Phoenix, even if only for a short time. Will write to all who include a photo."

Samantha Cormier, P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813 (AZ-3098)

CYNTHIA M. GREEN (AZ) (#58)

Member: A Rose, Alpha Zeta Chapter of Tri-Ess.

Attended: Coming Together '91.

Pre-op TS, or maybe TG. 6', 155, 12-14, tall, blue eyes, of course. Thirty-nineish. Interested in bicycling, race-walking, science fiction, figuring myself out, little sister (learning), and big sister (helping) relationships. "I'm living and working full time since May '91. I'm changing a lot, and have a long way to go. What a long, strange trip it's been!"

Cynthia Green, c/o A Rose, P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623 (AZ-2321)

SHELLY W. (AZ) (#58)

Member: A Rose.

5'10", SWM, 36, love dressing, very basic. Interested in social activities, hearing from all gender people, history, poetry. Need help from other TV's, TS's. Business owner. Travel a lot. Like a relaxing feeling within myself. "Would love to hear from you. Writing from the heart."

Shelly W., P O Box 5259, Quartzite AZ 85359 (AZ-3168)

DAGNY TAGGART (AZ) (#60)

Member: Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta.

Divorced hetero CD. Interested in hiking, outdoors, camping, computers, and dogs and cats. "I'd like to correspond with and meet GGs who are interested in cross-dressers. I'm 35, 135, 5'10", professional engineer, homeowner, open minded."

Dagny Taggart P O Box 10064, Glendale AZ 85318-0064 (AZ-3268)

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

GLENDA RENEE JONES (NM) (#57)

Member: TCNE, Tri-Ess, IFGE Supporting Member.

Participant: Coming Together.

"My wife Linda Phyllis is active and well known in the paraculture. Hobbies are sewing, gourmet cooking, and writing. Have been out many times. Computer engineer by trade and work in the aerospace industry. Look forward to hearing from anyone."

Glenda Renee Jones, P O Box 13083, Albuquerque NM 87192-3083 (NM-1952)

NEVADA (890- 898-)

ROBERT C. ALDEN (NV) (#59)

6'3", 204, 39, hetero, SBM. Attractive, college educated, and professional. Interested in photography, collecting and taping music, writing short stories and poetry. Love to cook, go dancing, and camping out. "Would like to correspond with and meet single pre-op M-F TS or feminine TV for quiet one-on-one get together. Send letter, picture, and phone number. Will reply at once."

Robert A. (NV-3213)

CALIFORNIA (900-960)

WENDY PARKER
(S CA) (#60)

Member: IFGE Board of Directors, PPOC, ETVC, NWGA.

Participant: Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort.

TG, 40's, 5'9", 160. Interested in the history of our gender community. "Enjoy the company of women, free femme spirits, and other gentle souls."

Wendy P. (CA-0390)

JOAN SHELDON (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC (Co-founder), Rainbow G. A., NWGA.

Attended: Fantasia Fair, Texas T Party, Emerald City Events, Sponsor for Pajaro Dunes Weekends, and High Sierra Femme Fling at Lake Tahoe. Interested in life, sailing, flying, computer freque, Dixieland jazz. Lots of bounce to the ounce, but too many ounces. "Active CD for over thirty years. Pass well, able to go almost anywhere, but enjoy the masculine side even more. Understanding and supportive spouse."

Joan S. (CA-0391)

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA) (#58)

DBM, Hetero, 42, 5'8", 150, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet other TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

Laura R. Covington, P O Box 10431, Oakland CA 94160 (CA-0480)

RITA F. (CA) (#57)

Member: Paradise, Crossroads, ETVC, CGA, Transpit.

Participant: Be All, Shangrala, Poconos, Lee Brewster, P-Town.

Interested in art, music, auto racing, engine building, people. "I travel the entire U.S., and venture out in every major city. I am privileged to know and meet many sisters. I love everything feminine."

Rita F. (CA-0600)

BETSY B. (N CA) (#57)

Member: STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess

Participant: Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings.

DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

Betsy B. (CA-1104)

MARLENE L. (S CA) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess.

Awards: Distinguished Service Award-Holiday en Femme, San Francisco, 1987.

Single, 5'11", 150, 57. Interested in tennis, chess, skiing, astronomy. "I attend a dozen or so meetings each year. I work in the Tri-Ess National office once a week, and help organize new chapters."

Marlene L., P O Box 4067, Visalia CA 93278 (CA-1036)

JANET EDWARDS
(S CA) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess.

Participant: Coming Together '89.

5'9", 150, 41, dark brown hair and eyes, hetero CD, musician.

"Drummer in Mister Sister, the band at the Coming Together convention in '89. Was the first featured girl in Ladylike. Looking for CD/GGs to go out with in the LA area for fun and friendship. I am passable and comfortable in any situation."

Janet E. (CA-1102)

SHARON LOUISE (C CA) (#57)

Member: Rennaissance.

5'6", 165, white hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. "Been this way for most of my life. Not a school girl by any stretch of the imagination! Everyone guesses some 10 years less than my actual age! Am well-read, former semi-pro baseball player, excellent bowler, good roller-skater and dancer, and good conversationalist. Began wearing corsets at a very early age, but did not become a total crossdresser until in my thirties. Would love to correspond, and possibly meet others in my area."

Jas. C. Morgan (CA-1303)

LORRAINE ELLEN HALL
(CA) (#57)
Member: ETVC.

Pre-op TS, over 50. Some hormonal development. Have lived full-time for short periods and planning full-time. Interested in art, photography, music, theater, movies, bridge. "My lifelong dream to be transformed physically into a female was a secret until 5 years ago when I emerged from the closet. To my surprise, I have surmounted many obstacles that I thought stood in the way of realizing my goal, and it now seems to be within grasp. I would love to hear from others who may share my dream and welcome their comments, advice, and questions."

Lorraine H. (CA-1150)

NANCY WILSON
(S CA) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Neutral Corner, ETVC.

5'9", 150, dark hair & eyes. "Creator of Crowning Glory Wigs for crossdressers in partnership with Mona (owner of shop). See ad."

Nancy Wilson, c/o Crowning Glory Wigs, P O Box 40366, San Diego CA 92164 (CA-1374)

SHARYN STEVENS (N CA) (#58)

SWM, Bi-TV, 31, PhD student, discreet, attractive.

Interested in Aikido, progressive politics, personal growth, computers, biology, learning how to pass. "Am more and more out. Have told family and close friends. Finally growing my hair long! Will start electrolysis. Looking to date non-smokers as Sharyn: men or women who like TVs, including female TVs who

enjoy role switching; as Steve: pretty TVs and TSs, or open-minded, accepting women."

Sharyn Stevens, P O Box 1172, Berkeley CA 94701 (CA-1472)

CYNTHIA HOWARD
(N CA) (#59)

Member: E D Gender Alternatives League, IFGE Congress of Representatives, NOW, ETVC, SGA, RGA, IMAGE, Tri-Ess.

Founder, national executive director of the Gender Alternatives League. Genderist, author, publisher and lobbyist working as a woman with government agencies, minority groups, and educational institutions. "I am currently working with many others from all segments of our community on a project to unify our community, promote gender activism, get our community out of the psychiatric books and journals, and off this can-be-discriminated-against list. I will communicate with anyone on any subject as time allows. If you are a genderist or a would-be gender activist, please contact me."

Cynthia Howard, Box 3392, Napa CA 94558-3392 (CA-1453)

DONNA LYNN FREEMAN
(N CA) (#60)

Member: DVG, RGA, Tri-Ess, ETVC. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls.

Participant: Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I.

MWM hetero TV, 45, 5'9", 160, size 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable, and working to get better. "Enjoy good food, good friends and good conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 4 years, enjoyed every minute. Understanding and actively supportive wife. Am fascinated with how I have changed on this incredible journey."

Donna Freeman, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885 (CA-1664)

RACHEL DETTMER
(N CA) (#56)

Member: ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek.

Participant: Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties.

5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who knew... best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

Rachel Dettmer, P O Box 56362, Hayward CA 94545-6362 (CA-1811)

ROXIE HOROWITZ (S CA) (#59)

S TV, 43, 5'8", 170.

"TV or not TV is not the question, it's the answer. The question is watching television vs. going out crossdressed. Get out of your house, loosen up and go out and be outrageous. In the words of Magic Johnson, 'It's show time!' My goal as a performer was a live, one person show. I run for physical health, speak for my mental health, and crossdress for my creative expression. End your frustration by becoming the opposite sex. Call me, the crossdressing specialist. I am a dragnut!"

Roxie Horowitz (CA-1636)

ANN L. (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC, RGA, GIC, Neutral Corner.

38, 135, 5'7", M-F TS (pre-op), very passable. "Looking for similar TSs interested in non-sexual friendship, possible joint living or career opportunities. No men please."

Ann L. (CA-1840)

ROSALIND P. (CA) (#60)

Member: CHIC, PPOC, Tri-Ess.

Attended: Be All, Esprit '91, Coming Together, California Dreamin'.

6'1", 180, late 50's. Interested in shopping, dining out, theatre, jazz music, meeting new people. "I am supported by my wife. We are involved in couples' support groups."

Rosalind Probstfield (CA-1876)

BLAIR S. (S CA) (#57)

Married TV, 41, 5'10", size 20-22. Interested in shopping, cooking, music, photography, lingerie. "I try to look and act as feminine as possible when dressed. I would like to correspond with and perhaps meet TV/TSs. I'm especially interested in contacting other large-size people to form a loose-knit national organization or network."

Blair S. (CA-1927)

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA) (#58)

Member: Feminine Image, PPOC, ETVC, NWGA, Alpha Zeta, A Rose, Neutral Corner, Tri-Ess.

Participant: Coming Together.

Cute TV, 40's, 5'10", 185. BS in engineering, USAF Reserve.

"I travel around the world and enjoy meeting & writing other sisters. Often go out dressed. Enjoy music, dancing, sports. Write for several gender publications. Enjoy being involved in activities that will help my sisters and friends learn and grow."

Melissa Foster, P O Box 816, Lakewood CA 90714 (CA-2099)

JOANNA ALICE GAYLORD (S CA) (#57)

6'2", blue eyes, long auburn hair, currently obese, but losing weight. "After losing both parents, gaining arthritis & asthma, at least I am blessed with an understanding, supportive, wonderful wife, and a new year of hope."

Joanna G. (CA-2066)

CINDY H. (SW CA) (#57)

Member: PPOC, IFGE.

SWM, 6'4", 235, Bi-TV. Interests: 12-step recovery, cooking, reading, fishing, photography, gender education, camping, and art.

"I am a designer. I look forward to corresponding with other sisters. My life is enhanced with spirituality. I would love to meet and correspond with a TS or a TG who lives and works as a lady here in southern CA. My interests are channeled into a new game to be marketed soon. I'd love to share my new-found freedoms."

Cindy H. (CA-2117)

ROXANNE R. (S CA) (#58)

DWM TV, 37, 6'1", 240. Lifetime, closeted TV. Enjoy shopping, dressing, music, frills, golf, and pool. Would like to correspond and meet with other CD/TSs, or men interested in such. "I am a very open and loving person. Will answer all who write. Live in the Inland Empire area."

Roxanne R. (CA-2174)

JAN N. (CA) (#60)

Member: PPOC, IFGE.

Attended: Texas T Party '90.

MWM, 5'11", hetero TV, 47. Interested in writing, movies, books, computers, cross-dressing, and everything feminine. Just married to an understanding, A+ wife. Would like to meet and/or correspond with other couples."

Jan N. (CA-2210)

JANELLE AILENE SEXTON

(CA) (#59)

Member of IFGE, ETVC, Diablo Valley Girls.

Divorced, hetero, TV, 37, 6', 190, red hair, blue eyes. Interested in square dancing, period costumes, and simulated pregnancy. "Enjoy going out dressed as a woman."

Janelle Sexton (CA-2327)

JULIEN S. (CA) (#58)

Ph.D., educated, professional, single. Interested in many things, including transgenderism. "Pass well either way. I'm F-M, interested in M-F's. Will consider legal marriage and total role reversal with pre-op M-F or TV. No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or promiscuous types. Would like to network with other professionals and monogamous role-reversal couples in US and northern Europe."

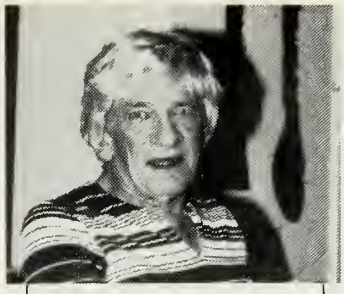
Julien S., Box 11, 8721 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood CA 90069 (CA-2348)

ROXANNA R. (N CA) (#59)

Member: ETVC.

Married TV, 6', 175, redhead or blonde. Open, supportive lifestyle and marriage. "Art is a lie, to reveal a deeper truth. I am a college-educated professional artist interested in correspondence and/or meetings with TVs, sincere men, and others to share a sense of mystery, illusion, and androgyny by CD as an art."

Roxanna R., P O Box 8182, Berkeley CA 94707 (CA-2350)



LEONA MARTIN (C CA) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess.

65, 5'9", wife very supportive. "Love who I am, what I am, as well as gender sisters (TV/TS). I adore nice clothing, being buxom, and the soft, gentle aspects of femininity. I do turn exhibitionist for a camera. I would love photo sessions with others who are interested in self-improvement, sharing more than just fantasies. Will answer all."

Leona M. (CA-2505)

LORI CALLWAY (SW CA) (#56)

Member: IFGE.

5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, 60's rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs"

Lori Callway, P O Box 64312, Los Angeles CA 90064 (CA-2586)

MELANIE B. (SW CA) (#60)

5'3", blue eyes, light brown hair, caucasian, 41, M-F pre-op TS. Facial electrolysis completed. On hormones one year. Interested in the arts, doll collecting, riding motorcycles, cooking, shopping, brainstorming, thrift stores, people, and museums. "Interested in F-M TS, pre-op or not, for friendship and possible long term relationship. You are open-minded, romantic, and believe in equality. No cigarets, drugs, or alcohol. Am dependable, hard-working, monogamous R.N. I'm agnostic, you?"

Melanie B. (CA-2566)

KAYLA ALLEN (CA) (#59)

WM, TV, 26, 270, computer systems analyst.

"My heavy involvement in science fiction fandom precludes much contact with the gender community, but am a sympathetic listener. If you are interested in both the science fiction fan community and its crossover with the gender community, drop me a line. I've appeared as Kayla at SF convention to do a Gender Benders of Fandom panel."

Kayla Allen, P O Box 95, Sutter CA 95982 (CA-2459)

BABS D. (N CA) (#57)

"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD

books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other bibliophiles and collectors to compare acquisitions. If you're looking to trade or sell, get in touch. I am seeking: Tapestry, prior to #39, Ladylike #1 and 2, Female Mimics International #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's Drag and Virginia Prince's Transvestia."

Babs D. (CA-2620)

JULIE LEWIS (SW CA) (#56)

CD with TS desires, 39, 6'.

Interests include tennis, photography, computers, and of course, being free to be me. "Been out of touch for a few years; now trying to pull myself up by my bra straps and get on with my life. Have experienced passing even in such places as a red-neck bar . . . but passing just isn't enough, is it?"

Julie Lewis (CA-2632)

JULIE B. (SW CA) (#60)

Member: Tri-Ess Alpha Chapter.

Hetero male, CD, 5'8", 150. Interested in long walks, computers, sailing small boats, and world travel. "Married fifteen years to an unusually understanding wife. Still working out small details with her. Like to correspond with sisters and wives, but be patient, family and career make it hard to keep up. Still hang out mostly at home, but do go to some Alpha meetings. Am quiet and shy, but I need to meet others."

Julie B., P O Box 8412, Northridge CA 91327-8412 (CA-2639)

KRIS C. (C CA) (#60)

TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/eyes. Sensitive and caring. Interested in feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Have been a lifelong cross-dresser who enjoys achieving the complete feminine look. Always open to advice on improving my appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

Kris C. (CA-2713)

PATTI PIERCE (CA) (#57)

Member: PPOC, Tiffany Club.

MWM, 6'2", 155, brown hair and eyes, pierced ears. Interested in organic gardening, RV travel, reading, coin and stamp collecting, economics, and shopping. "I love to dress as a woman, and would love to correspond with other TVs for friendship and support. Out of the closet for three years, and enjoy life to the fullest."

P. Pierce, P O Box 328, Bryn Mawr CA 92318 (CA-2799)

TRACY MORGAN
(CA) (#57)

MWM, 41, 6'. "I enjoy corresponding, photo exchangè, psychotherapy, movies, music, and the Boston Red Sox. I am particularly interested in hearing from good letter writers from all over, and in meeting crossdressers who live in southern California, for fun, dancing, night clubbing, etc."

Tracy Morgan, P O Box 7543, Van Nuys CA 91409. (CA-2835)

AMIRANDA H. (C CA) (#60)

Member: Neutral Corner.

29 years old, 5'6", 135, brown hair and green/brown eyes. Interested in computers, Sci-Fi & Fantasy, animation. "Looking for pen-friends in the community. Also interested in meetings."

Amiranda H. (CA-2769)

TRISH ANDERSON (CA) (#59)

Member: PPOC, Alpha Chapter, Tri-Ess.

SWM TV, 33, 5'8", 150, Television Engineer. "Cute, friendly, energetic. Always into something. Love computers, electronics, airplanes, music, and our community. Sysop for Cross-Connection computer Bulletin Board. Been out for about four years, and have come to love both selves and have begun to integrate them effectively. Ready to take on leadership roles in the community. Want to correspond and get together in the LA area."

Trish A. (CA-2599)

DEIRDE M. (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC.

Professional harpist, tours nationally. "Available for TV events any location. I play solo, or in duet with significant other."

Deirde M., P O Box 1724, Mendocino CA 95460 (CA-2868)

OLIVE H. (CA) (#57)

54, WM, TV, 5'11", 170. "I'm still in the closet, but want to emerge. Would like to correspond with and meet understanding women."

Olive H. (CA-2871)

JULIE ANN R. (CA) (#57)

SWM, TV, 40, 5'8", 150. Still closeted, but trying to come out. Interested in fashion, clothes, make-up, shopping, gardening, cooking, hairstyles, developing all aspects of my femininity. "I am quite content to have both male and female personas. I would enjoy meeting others. I am honest, sincere, and quick as possible with correspondence. Enjoy 'girl talk' through the mail, and possible meeting."

Julie Ann R. (CA-2892)

CHRISTINA WHITE
(CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC, SGA.

Young 37, 5'9", 130, MWM CD with TG/TS tendencies. "Size 10, look nice in sportswear and updated classic clothes. Took dance class as a boy and ended up as a girl in leotards. I'm finding being Christina is so natural. Love hair ornaments and girl talk. Pass fairly well in the day. I want to hear from and contribute to our community. Write with pictures--will reply quickly."

Christina White, P O Box 258, Carmichael CA 95609 (CA-2901)

CHELSEA BROWN
(CA) (#58)

Married TV, 6', hazel eyes. Interested in computers, reading (and writing) TV fiction. "Still learning (and enjoying it), and just starting to go out en femme."

Chelsea Brown, P O Box 2025-364, Tustin CA 92680 (CA-2934)

CONNIE (CA) (#57)

5'8-1/2", 225 (and losing), brown hair, blue eyes, retired military, A. A. General Science, working on B. A. in psychology. Interested in bodybuilding, drag racing, and motorcycles. "Lifelong interest, but only approving significant other is aware. Have not gone out in public as I am too big to pass. Am learning make-up techniques and would appreciate any help or comments. Will try to answer all."

David & Connie, 3920 Market St. Suite 117, Riverside CA 92501 (CA-2988)

MELANIE HOWARD (CA) (#57)

WM, 39, 5'11", 155. Interested in history, photography, fashion, paleontology, astro-physics. "I am a life-long TV, except for the past few years of unsuccessful repression. I have an understanding wife. I would like to hear from sisters anywhere, but especially from the Pasadena and L.A. area, for friendship and support. I'm looking forward to again participating in the local outreach organizations. All correspondence will be answered."

Melanie H. (CA-2899)

SANDI B. (CA) (#58)

Member: IFGE.

MWM, hetero, CD, 60, 5'8", 145. Conservative dresser. Interested in photography, sailing, scuba. "Started dressing at age 12. Still striving to look as naturally feminine as possible. Married 30 years to wonderful woman who helps me select and obtain coordinated outfits, but can't participate. Love all things feminine, especially long, manicured nails, smooth legs, sheer hose, and pretty shoes."

Sandi Buell, P O Box 1038, Bonsall CA 92003 (CA-2989)

BARBARA HARRIS (CA) (#58)

"I am a tall, trim, 55 year-old, novice crossdresser who has finally found the inner strength to express his femininity. I am an intelligent, caring, professionally-employed person with a fine sense of humor. I would like to communicate with experienced persons for friendship and guidance in my development."

Barbara H. (CA-2993)

FRANCES H. (CA) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess.

Hetero WM, 5'7", 180, 48, married 29 years to same woman. Interested in old cars, gardening, antiques, crossdressing. "Have crossdressed to some degree since age 7 or 8. Have finally accepted my feminine side. Because I am unsure about passing, I seldom go out dressed. Would like advice about make-up and hair. Would like to hear from other CD's. Will answer all letters."

Frances Harvey, P O Box 629, New Castle CA 95658 (CA-2998)

JOLYNN VEIRA (CA) (#58)

DWM, 48, 5'7", 160, CD since early teens, artist (MFA), but now working in a managerial position in a barely related field. Interested in art, computers, computer art and animation, fixing and decorating my own house. "Always closeted and fighting it through two marriages, but now enjoying it as much as I can. Had never met another TV or had knowledge of the community until recently. Would like to hear from and get in contact with all, especially supportive females who can be understanding and discreet."

Jolynn V. (CA-3017)

JULIE YON (CA) (#58)

5'9", 35, Asian-American. "I love make-up and feminine finery. Like fish-pond gardening, billiards, and darts. Would enjoy exchange of letters from all TV sisters, especially other Asian-Americans."

Julie Y. (CA-3019)

MARY ANNE S. (CA) (#58)

Member: ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance.

5'8", 160, blue eyes, 40-31-38, 14, WTS, single, 41. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "Recently out of the closet and excited about the possibilities of the paraculture. Am hetero, but would enjoy dressing with anyone from our androgynous community."

Mary Anne S. (CA-3030)

SUZANNE S. (CA) (#59)

SWM, 32, 6'2", 200 and losing. Well educated, working toward M. Degree. Interested in the arts, sports, cars, staying fit through aerobics, tennis, and bicycling. (No more weight-lifting!) "Starting again

after a five-year hiatus. Military. Back in US after five years over seas. Always been in closet. Previously CD in KY and TX. Your experiences convinced me to seek my true self once again - CD or TV. I'll let you know when I find out."

Suzanne A. (CA-3172)

JUDI BENSEN (CA) (#58)

6', 170, won't admit to over 37 years! Very athletic, MWM, heterosexual. Interested in cycling, anything feminine, spending precious time as Judy. "I'm just learning about myself and am seeking others to correspond with about our world. Wife has seen me dressed, but doesn't have full understanding. Don't bother with sex. Photo OK, but not required. Let's write about us."

Judi Bensen, P O Box 1866, Huntington Beach CA 92647 (CA-3063)

PEGGY D. (CA) (#59)

MWM, hetero, 53, 154, 38-28-38, 6'2". "Peggy is a fun-loving gal who goes out shopping & dining alone, occasionally, and would love to have a passable friend nearby for company on trips to the malls. Peggy is sexy, but decent, and promises to answer all the mail she receives."

Peggy D. (CA-3183)

BILLIE JEAN JONES (CA) (#59)

Member: ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE.

Attended: Fantasia Fair '91.

Billie Jean Jones (CA-3205)

PATRICIA M. (CA) (#59)

Member: ETVC.

5'6", 140, SWM, brown hair, green/brown eyes, biTV, 12-14, lean, athletic body. Commercial artist/fashion illustrator. Interested in art, fashion, drawing, music, travel, movies, theater, aircraft (former pilot). "Love the look and feel of being a woman. Feel natural that way and love girl-talk. Fairly passable and would like to meet TV/TS for nurturing companionship/dating. Shopping and day trips in the SF area. TS is my goal. Would like to share journey. Enclose photo/phone."

Patricia M. (CA-3248)

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

CLARA ANN BULLARD (HI) (#59)

Member: Delta Chi chapter Tri-Ess.

6', 180, size 20. Interested in flowers, plants, and cooking. "Been dressing since a teenager. Have been out 'window shopping'- driving around most of life. I don't pass too well as a lady, but it's fun. Love feeling feminine, touching silk and satin, just girl things."

Clara Ann Bullard, P O Box 1210, Kapaa HI 96746 (HI-0955)

TRACY RYAN (HI) (#58)

Member: Hawaii Transgendered Outreach, President of same.

Awards: "Miss Femininity," Fantasia Fair, 1990

Hetero CD, 35, 5'8", 145. Outer dresser. "Pass shopping, dining, etc. Active in Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. I'd love hearing from sisters elsewhere. I've met or corresponded with over one hundred in 1990. I'd also love to hear from genetic females. I don't like hearing from male 'admirers'."

T. Ryan, 777 Kapiolani Blvd, #3114, Honolulu HI 96813 (HI-2180)

LANI KEE (HI) (#60)

Attended: Texas T Party '91, Holiday '90, '91, Coming Together '91.

Hetero CD, 140, 5'10". Interested in working out, swimming, golf, music, and traveling. "I dress occasionally. Go out whenever possible. Will respond to all correspondence ASAP. General interest in other CDs all over."

Lani Kee, P O Box 6178, Kahului HI 96732 (HI-2593)

OREGON (970- 979-)

KAREN PHILLIPS (OR) (#59)

Member: IFGE.

5'8", 165, hetero, 10, brown hair and eyes. Divorced. Interested in dressing up, heels, makeup, hair; camping, computers, golf, woodwork. "Just coming out. Want to meet other girls in the area and exchange ideas. Not passable, yet, but with a little practice, I'll be ready. Dying to go out!"

ELLEN SUMMERS (OR) (#57)

IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee.

Member: NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City.

Awards: "DREAM" Grand Dame '83.

5'10", 185. "Been a part of our community for 15 years. Enjoy travel, my big band era recording collection, being Ellen as much as possible, shopping for Ellen. My interest is in helping our community to accept themselves. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

Ellen S., c/o NWGA, Box 4928, Portland OR 97208-4928 (OR-0382)

LINDA ANN T. (OR) (#57)

Member: NWGA (co-founder), former president of Salmacis in San Francisco.

50, married, bi, like to go out with passable TVs and escorts, travel occasionally to various places. "Respectable married couples a pleasure to meet. Anyone in Mauii, Manhattan, L.A., St. Louis, San Francisco? Possible visits on business to above points."

Linda Ann T. (OR-2908)

RACHEL M. (NW OR) (#56)

Single WM TV, 29, gorgeous and fun. "I want to meet friends in the Portland area for understanding and good times."

Rachel M. (OR-2654)

Karen P. (OR-3158)

JENNIFER M. (OR) (#59)

Member: NWGA.

Awards: La Femme Magnifique.

5'7", 138, enjoy all of feminine life--shopping, dining, theater. "Other than at work (health professional), I can dress anytime. Trying to learn to sew dresses and lingerie. Wish to pass as a woman in all activities. Kayaking, biking, and hiking are great in Oregon. Will correspond with all and exchange photos."

Jennifer M. (OR-2421)

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

DENISE STRONG (WA) (#57)

Member: Emerald City, Ingersoll Gender Center, IFGE Publication Committee.

MWM, TV/TG, 39, 5'11", 170, hetero, professional. Enjoy meeting others, intellect, travel, movies, music, plays, outdoors, humor, spontaneity, fine wine, and meaningful nonsexual friendships. "Willing to correspond with, and meet with other people who enjoy going out. Well-read on TV/TG/TSism. Interested in additional research and writing articles on same. Wife supportive, however, discretion is a must. Will answer all."

Denise Strong (WA-2748)

ADRIAN C. (WA) (#57)

"Handsome, mature, bi-male crossdresser with many interests desires correspondence to develop friendship with very feminine, passable TV, pre-op TS, or TS with the object of eventual lasting, mutually fulfilling, loving relationship. Will answer all."

Adrian C., P O Box 80311, Seattle WA 98108 (WA-2775)

CHRISTINA G. (WA) (#57)

5'5", 130, Hispanic, dark hair, brown eyes, fine build, size 7-8.

Interested in sports, women's rights, news, wearing beautiful feminine clothing that makes me feel pretty inside. "As soon as I heard of Tapestry, I wanted to get involved. I've felt all alone for a great deal of my life, but now want to express myself and be active and supportive. No longer ashamed of myself. I'm a woman trying to come out (transsexual)."

Christina G. (WA-2812)

AMY JO C. (W WA) (#57)

Member: Emerald City-Seattle.

5'11", black hair, hazel eyes. Enjoy lingerie, sexy nylons, high heels, anything feminine. "Would like to meet other TV/TS in the same area."

A.J. Carmody (WA-1181)

MICHELLE LEE H. (WA) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, IFGE, Emerald City, NWGA, Boulton & Park, ETVC.

Attended: Holiday In Femme, Be All, Esprit, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Dignity Cruise.

Interested in cooking, gardening, flowers, golden retrievers, golf, reading, music, shopping, reaching out, and annual Esprit week in the northwest.

Michelle Lee H. (WA-1446)

SANDY S. (WA) (#56)

Member: Emerald City.

Participant: Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City.

185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

Sandy S. (WA-1022)

MARY GIBBONS (WA) (#60)

Member: Emerald City.

Participant: Tri-Ess Holidays, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together conventions.

MWM, 50. Enjoy music, family, friendships, and thought. "Have season tickets to the opera and the ballet. Love having dressy events to plan for. Have developed close, accepting friendships, but always interested in more. Have an accepting family and strive for balance. Glad to correspond with all."

Ms Mary M. Gibbons, P O Box 1151, Mercer Island WA 98040 (WA-1826)

MELISSA LEEANN PRATHER (WA) (#57)

Member: Emerald City, Tri-Ess, NWGA.

Participant: '90 In '90, Esprit '91.

MWM, 5'9", 190, 57. Interested in sewing and design art, calligraphy, model railroading, stamp collecting, scale model planes, and dressing. "Have a supportive wife. We go out shopping together, and dine out. Have been out of closet three years. Want to build up friendships."

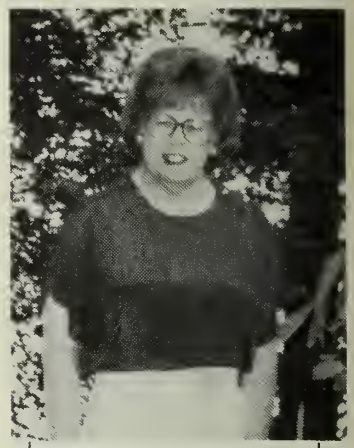
Melissa LeeAnn Prather, 7358 28th Ave., SW, Seattle WA 98126-3313 (WA-2102)

STEPHANIE NELSON (WA) (#59)

Hetero CD, 6'2", 160, 40, brown hair, green eyes, professional.

Interested in skiing, tennis, camping. "Would like to develop honest, sharing friendship, non-sexual. Would also like to pass in public. I would particularly like to hear from other CD's, TV's, or TS's in Spokane area."

Stephanie Nelson, P O Box 15183, Spokane WA 99215 (WA-2318)



KAREN KENT (NW WA) (#60)

Member: NWGA, RCGC.

49, 5'9", 183. "Friendly, came out of the closet in '81, and will never return. Have grown in the understanding of my feminine nature. Have written articles on CD and been on panel discussions. Enjoy meeting and writing to others."

Karen Kent, P O Box 69617, Seattle WA 98168 (WA-0322)

COMFORT DESIREE GREEN (WA) (#57)

DWM, 39, 190 and losing--goal 175-150, ash blonde hair with blue eyes. Interested in crossdressing, guitar, photography, writing short stories, movies, the arts. "I'm a new girl, seeking her roots. Can you help? Interested in correspondence with TV's, TS's, and women. I'm hetero, with strong affections towards pre-ops and TS's."

JEAN G. (WA) (#58)

WM, TV, 5'11", 175, 49.

Interested in flying, old cars. "I've been crossdressing since age 12. Married 30 years. Wife knows, but is non-supportive. I don't dress completely very often, but wear bras regularly. I will answer all letters."

Jean Gruber, P O Box 2876, Renton WA 98056 (WA-1331)

RANDI LEIGH DENNIS (WA) (#58)

Member: Emerald City.

5'3", early 30's, brown eyes, hair: dark auburn to light brown depending on my outfit and my mood. Hetero CD headed towards TG. Interested in photography, sports, classical rock, jazz, rock, WW II history, Sci-Fi, trains, cats. "Would like to help others understand our special duality. Race or religion not important, sincerity is. Will answer all. Want to expand my circle beyond TV/TSs to GG's who want to understand us."

Randi Leigh Dennis (WA-3042)

JENNIFER MARTIAN (SW WA) (#60)

Member: IFGE Supporting Member.

Single M-F pre-op TS, 5'11", 170, brown/blonde hair, brown eyes. "It is very lonely here in Tri Cities, Washington. I would very much like to meet others."

Jennifer M. (WA-1710)

LISA HUYEN (WA) (#58)

Member of Tri-Ess.

"Have been dressing for thirty years. Would consider TS to become completely a woman. Attractive Asian. Photo on request."

Lisa Huyen, P O Box 10242, Olympia WA 98502 (WA-3088)

EMILY THOMAS (WA) (#58)

Member: Emerald City, Tri-Ess.

Attended Esprit '91.

5'7", 148, brown hair and eyes. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, woodworking, computers, and reading. "Go out dressed three or four times a month and pass, day or night. Family is tolerant of my dressing. Would like to meet other TVs who pass and would like a night out. Would also correspond with others."

Emily Thomas, P O Box 2799, Woodinville WA 98072-2799 (WA-3119)

ALASKA (995-999-)

NORA JEAN YORK (AK) (#59)

Member: Berdache Society.

Participant: Coronation '89.

"I'm fun, feminine, sincere, loving, sexy. I enjoy cooking, sewing, biking, and using my home computer. I enjoy watching videos and making them. I adore sexy clothing and lingerie. I am constantly working to bring forth the woman from within."

Nora Jean York, P O Box 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134 (AK-1425)

DONNA S. (AK) (#59)

Member: Berdache Society.

Life-long TV, 5'9", 35, 145.

"Enjoy being dressed en femme in public, short skirts, downhill skiing, hunting, and fishing. Will answer all letters."

Donna S. (AK-2247)

SUSANNE TAYLOR (AK) (#60)

MWM, 34, 6'3". "Still working at making it to a public function to continue my education as I continue to grow and understand about myself and life. Welcome all letters from others, and will promptly respond to same. Love being dressed and feeling free to be me."

Susanne T. (AK-2422)

MICKEY T. (AK) (#59)

Member: Alaska Alliance for Gender Education.

MWM, TS, 6', brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in cooking and sewing. "Am a computer enthusiast wishing to correspond with others via BBS or mail. Believe the time is right for all to come out of the closet and stand up for our rights."

Mickey T. (AK-3179)

CANADA

MICHELINE JOHNSON (ON CAN) (#58)

Former TS, now happily post-op (May 1990).

"Thank you all (Merissa, IFGE, support groups and individuals) for your support and friendship in the past, and to all those who wrote to me during my transition. I am no longer looking for new correspondence or friendship from within the gender community or from outside my home town (Ottawa). I need someone close at hand. Apologies to those to whom I did not write back, due to work overload. Love to you all."

Micheline Johnson, P O Box 9155, Stn. T, Ottawa, ON, K1G 3T9 (CAN-0560)

YVETTE DUCHARME (CAN) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess, IFGE.

Attended: Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91. Board member, Outreach Institute.

Pre-op TS. 5'11", 175, S. Fortyish. Live alone. Interested in all femme things, fashion, makeup, travel, reading, big band music, walking, movies. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My femme personality is classical type. Would like to correspond, form new friendships, and help others."

Yvette D. (CAN-1632)

CAROLYN ALEXANDER (ON CAN) (#57)

"I'm a 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi WMMCD, well and truly educated with a sensuous, caring attitude. I pass easily and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with readers having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

Carolyn Alexander, Box 7115, Vanier PO, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E3 (CAN-1087)

ALLISON JENNIFER BRENT (AL CAN) (#60)

Member: Phi Sigma, IFGE.

MWM, hetero CD, 5'9", 170, mid 60's and very fit, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in Big Band era music, racquet sports, hiking and canoeing. "I am married to a wonderful gal who is aware of my CD interests, but prefers to remain uninvolved. I enjoy dressing and making 'Allison' just as feminine as she can be."

Allison B. (CAN-1656)

KAREN-ANNE BROWN (ON CAN) (#56)

"Hi! I'm a 5'4" TV doll, petite 12, 39-31-38. Pass easily if I do not talk. Like romantic music, wine, and willing to consider any fantasy. Write TV fiction, and have mags and books to swap. I enjoy computers and intelligent conversation. I am in the closet, but willing to travel W QUE, Northern NY, and E ONT, for the right person. Only well written letters will be responded to."

Karen-Anne Brown, P O Box 1175, Cornwall, ON K6H 5V2 CANADA (CAN-1970)

ROBYN H. (CAN) (#58)

Member of Tri-Ess and Toronto Cross-dressers Club.

5'8", 150, 37, single, brunette. Interested in cooking and tennis. "I like to dress tastefully, not flashily. Have been dressing since I was fourteen years old. Looking for an understanding female friend."

Robyn H. (CAN-2033)

PRICILLA BEAULIEU (QUE CAN) (#58)

Member of IFGE.

Bilingual French-speaking journalist and writer from Montreal, 40, 5'6", 150. Interested in physics, literature, travel,

politics, etc. "I am a masculine looking male, bearded, dress only in private. Live with children and girl friend. She knows but does not participate. Am interested in exploring all aspects of crossgender experience through correspondence, in French, if possible."

Pricilla B. (CAN-2142)

ROBYN V. (CAN) (#59)

MW hetero TV. 46. Professional. Interested in boating, theater, music, skiing, and travel. "Looking forward to hearing from other TV/TS's to share experiences in our insatiable quest for femininity. I enjoy venturing out publicly in conservative dress and makeup. The utmost discretion appreciated and assured."

Robyn V. (CAN-2449)

CHRISTINE B. (BC CAN) (#56)

Married, 40, 6', 165, TS oriented, with supportive wife. "My primary interests lie in raising my children and being in a fulfilling relationship with my wife, and exploring the unlimited potential of my career. Having read Kyndel Kellis' article in Issue 55, I have embraced the concept of Berdache - each day is different. I have only been out dressed twice. I need a clear understanding of the legal ramifications of being made before pushing my luck. I would appreciate feedback."

Christine B. (CAN-2474)

HELGA DAHLKE (ONT CAN) (#58)

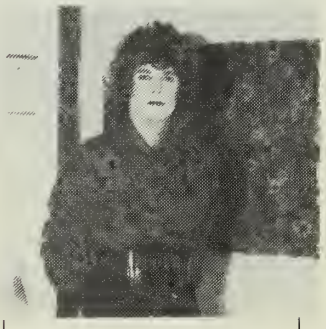
5'8", 150, 64, hetero TV, married to a slightly supportive wife. Feminine, shy, not out of the closet yet, getting started again. "I like being dressed in nylon, satin, lacy feminine attire. Interests include camping (Owen Sound area), ballroom, square, and round dancing. Like to spend winters in Florida. Wish to meet others from my general area who have their wives' support, for help and friendship."

Helga D. (CAN-2759)

DAYE D. PAYNTER (ON CAN) (#58)

36, 5'11", 150, blue eyes, dancer's figure. "I feel like a child taking her first steps. I want to be a woman when I grow up. Am in need of friends, support, guidance, to share with. Professional singer/songwriter, artist, with very large, soon-to-be-realized dreams. I draw my inspiration and lifeblood form the woman inside."

Daye P. (CAN-2913)



JENNIFER CHRISTINE GRAY (BC CAN) (#56)

Member: Cornbury Society, (Vancouver).

5'9", 155, 39, hetero CD. "I enjoy shopping and dining en femme with my wife, and corresponding with like couples."

Jennifer G. (CAN-2919)

GABRIELLE P. (ON CAN) (#58)

63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

Gabrielle P. (CA-2918)

MINA (QUE CAN) (#58)

Events Attended: Dressing for Pleasure.

6', 170, TV, with very supportive wife. "Our interests are varied. We travel frequently. We enjoy fantasy development and role playing as part of our 'Rituals of Belonging.' Although I am passable, we are looking for methods to further increase my femininity. Interested in couples who share our aspirations. Discretion expected and assured, as we both have professional careers."

Mina & Princess Shelba, P O Box 664, Beaconsfield, QUEBEC, Canada H9W 5V3 (CAN-2955)

ROBERTA S. (ONT CAN) (#59)

5'8", 250, full beard. Interested in baseball, football, dressing at home. "I am at a crossroads in my life. At forty-nine, I am experiencing a refreshing breath of fresh air, something I should have done long ago. This decision might cause the break up of my fifteen-year marriage. My wife knew about my wearing panties and disapproved. When she finds about the rest, all hell is going to break loose. Hope to find someone able to help me find my way as a hetero crossdresser."

Roberta S. (CAN-3134)

KAREN W. (CAN) (#59)

Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 40, coming out again. Interested in books, stockings. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my legs. Looking forward to getting out more as a woman."

Karen W. (CAN-3140)

MICHELLE JOHNSON (CAN) (#59)

Member: Cornbury Society (Vancouver).

Attended: Esprit '91.

5'7", 150, early 40's, 12, hetero CD. Supportive wife. "I love to be a feminine, fashionable girl, and dress appropriately for the occasion. I regularly go shopping and enjoy theater and fine dining. Would like to correspond with and/or meet others in the Vancouver area who have similar interests."

Michelle J. (CAN-3164)

PUERTO RICO

ROBERTA J. CAMPBELL (PR) (#57)

6'2", 225, brown hair, brown eyes, single, 44. Bookworm and avid movie collector. "I'm a pre-op TS. Looking to write, talk and mingle with others who share the same problem. Also interested in forming a support group in Puerto Rico."

Robert C. (PR-2838)

MEXICO

LAURA MORENO (MEX) (#56)

Separated WM, 40, 5' 10", 140, brown hair/eyes. dance, cook, listen to music, actually working in Human sexuality field, giving workshops, courses. Life long CD, passable at times (too tall for a mexican girl) just coming out of closet and trying to form a TV/TS group in Mexico City. "It's my duty to help people not to feel the way I used to."

Laura M.. (MEX-2670)

UNITED KINGDOM

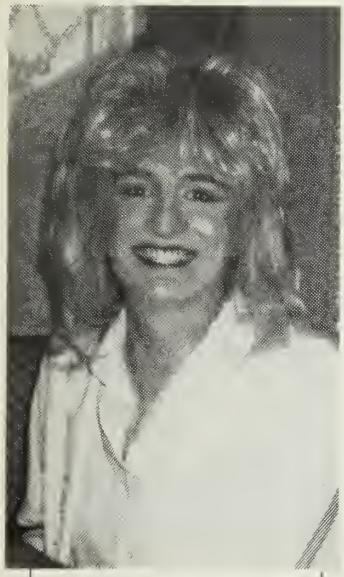
ANNE FORRESTER (SCOTLAND) (#57)

Member: Scottish TV/TS Group.

Hetero TV, separated, 60, going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). Love to travel. "I've only recently been able to

indulge my love of skirts, heels and hose. Generally passable, and love going out, but not out of the closet yet. Ann dresses conservatively like a modern business woman, but loves the chance to put on a ball gown. Wish to hear from any supportive 'real live girls.'"

Anne F. (Scotland-2791)



KAREN BARCLAY (ENGLAND) (#59)

Single, TV, 24. Tall, slim, friendly. Interested in movies, dining out, current affairs, fashions, and cosmetics. "I have crossdressed for a number of years. These days, I am confident and happy with who I am. I'm interested in being a sounding board, someone to share things with, a shoulder to cry on. I'm caring and discreet. Please write, I'd love to hear from you."

Karen L. Barclay, P O Box 449, Reading, RG1 5AT ENGLAND (ENG-3191)

CELIA SCOTT-SHEPHERD (ENG) (#57)

Member: Beaumont Society, Gender Dysphoria Trust (UK).

Widower, 5'9", 145. Occasional TV from age 4 to partner's death. Now getting more deeply involved. Interested especially in language and music. "Would like to receive audio tapes in exchange for my 'first and second voices' tape."

Celia S., P O Box 1351, London N16 7XX, England (ENG-1904)

EUROPE

LISA HART (SAUDI ARABIA) (#60)

Single, TV, 38, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female, . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I'm dressed. I have developed cherished friendships with Tapestry correspondents, and hope to hear from others who are at ease with their female personae."

Lisa Hart (SAUDI ARABIA-1717)

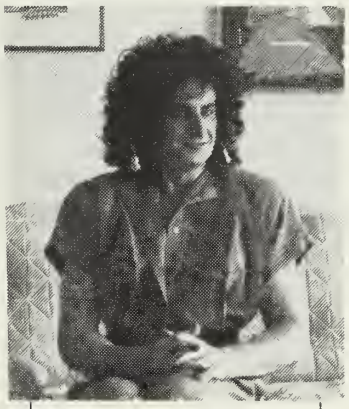
JENNY SAND (NORWAY) (#56)

Member: FPE-Northern Europe.

Attended: Fantasia Fair '90, '91.

TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

Jenny S. (NOR-2584)



YVONNE THOMPSON (GERMANY) (#58)

Member: IFGE.

Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, reddish brown hair, almost passable. Interested in photography, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling.

"I enjoy any opportunity to be Yvonne. I like fine lingerie, ladylike clothing, pretty shoes, and perfect make-up. Wife does tolerate, but is not supportive. Have been dressed up many times in public. Would like to correspond with sisters in Europe and in the USA."

Yvonne Thompson (GER-3050)

SUSANNE ANDERS (AUSTRIA) (#57)

Member: IFGE, FPE SWEDEN.

52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16-18, quiet CD since almost ever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CD's or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

Susanne Anders, P O Box 182, A-1210 Vienna, AUSTRIA

HELEN S. (FRANCE) (#59)

Member: Trans-CCL (Paris).

TV, 57, 5'11", blonde. Enjoy everything feminine. Interested in classical music, arts, reading, biking. "I especially enjoy writing or meeting with sisters and understanding ladies. Wish contact with other European members."

Helen S. (FRA-2178)

AUSTRALIA

MARINA LANG (AUS) (#56)

Member: Seahorse Club of Victoria.

Participant: Cup Eve Ball, Arts Ball.

TS, 194 cm (6'6"), blonde. Enjoys classical music, oil painting, theater, concerts, eating out in restaurants, fashion, and dress design. "I would like to hear from other very tall IFGE members."

Marina Lang, G.P.O. Box 1177K, Melbourne, 3001 Australia (AUS-0693)

TANYA ALYCE (AUS) (#57)

6', 33, slim, TV with TS tendencies. Interested in feminine clothes, make-up, swimming, tennis. "I would enjoy hearing from other TS/TVs with view to share experiences and problems."

Tanya Alyce, P O Box R 414 Royal Exchange, Sydney, Australia 2000 (AUS-2880)

JAPAN

JOAN C. (JAPAN) (#58)

Black, heterosexual, TV, 5'10", 185. "Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding of my need to crossdress. Am very shy, and would love to come out of the closet, but the nature of my profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS. Please write."

Joan C. (APO-3083)

JOYCE D. CHAMPION (JAPAN) (#60)

5'8", 155, 30. Lifelong TV with TS tendencies. Interested in empowering others to achieve their lifetime goals. BS in Education. Enjoy intelligent, provocative conversation. Thrilled by lingerie, high heels, beautiful nails, silk and frou-frou. Love to dance, write music, sing, play piano, and do domestic chores while en femme. Travel to the States a couple of times a year. Discretion expected and assured. Photos welcome."

Joyce C. (Japan-3272)

HONG KONG

ROSEMARY MARYON LANGTON (HKONG) (#60)

Member: Beaumont Society, Tri-Ess, TV/TS Society England.

MWM, 59. Interested in Victorian, Japanese, maternity, and little girls' clothing. Dressmaking, entertaining TVs, and correspondence world-wide. "Lifelong, dedicated TV. Have enjoyed my dual life since I came out in '61. Spouse and adult family accept. All facial hair gone, can style own hair. Pass easily. Retiring soon, looking forward to visit TVs and events world-wide."

Rosemary Langton, G.P.O. Box 9171, Hong Kong (HK-1792)

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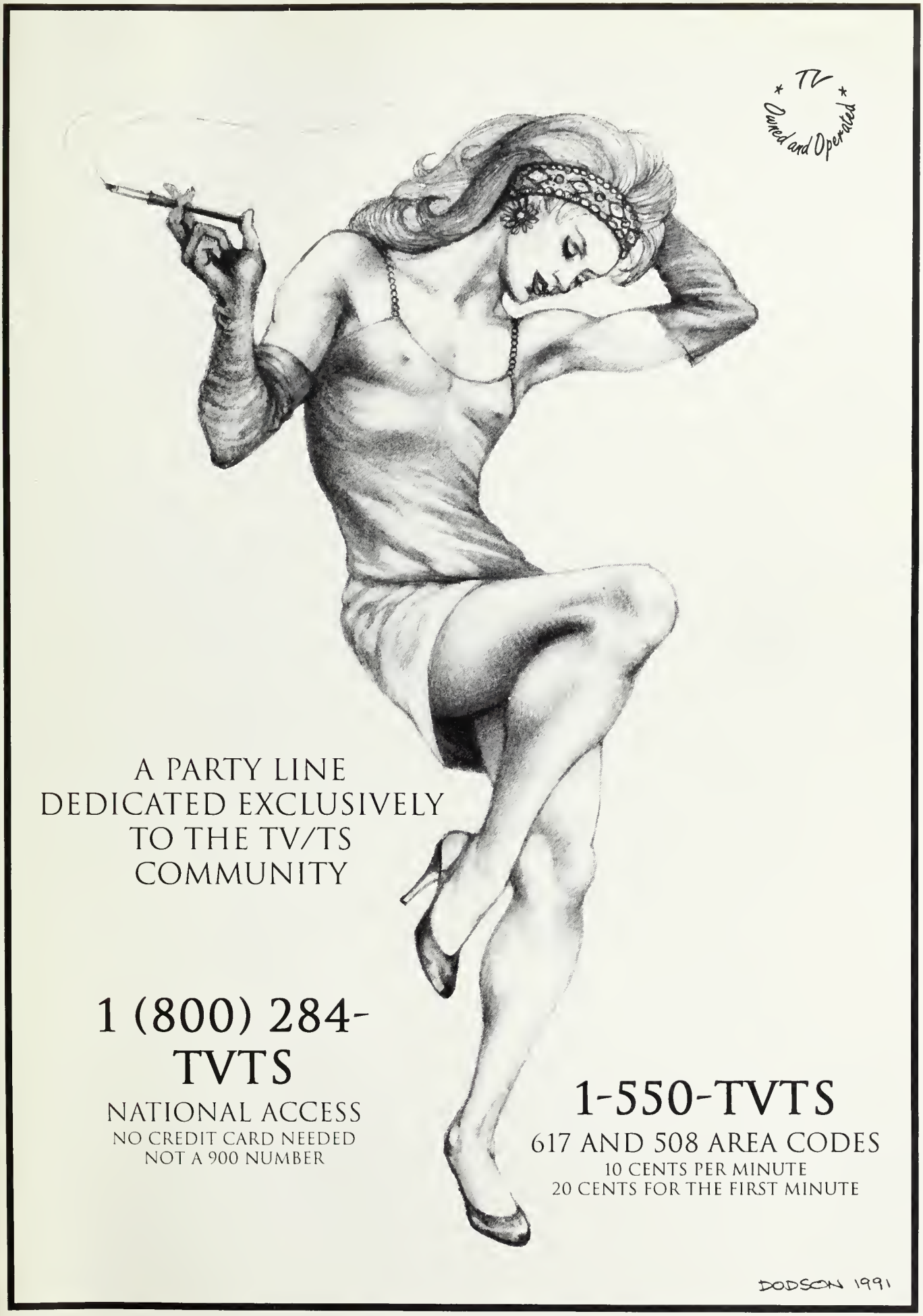
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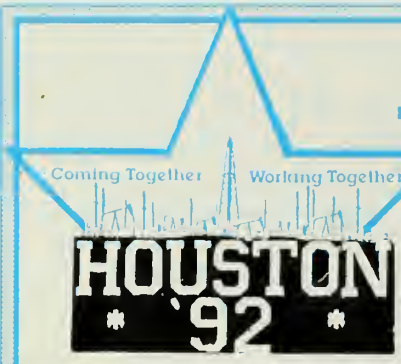

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